

HEREFORD CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 15 APRIL 2014

PRESENT: Cllr Kenyon, Chairman and Cllrs Boulter, Edwards, Michael, Nicholls, Oliver, Tawn and Toon.

Cllrs Kay and Nenadich were not present.

CD2014-2015.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Andrews and North.

CD2014-2015.2 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES

There were no appointments of substitute members.

CD2014-2015.3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members received declarations of interest under the Herefordshire Code of Conduct pursuant to the Localism Act 2011 from Cllr Edwards in respect of item 6 on the agenda as he is Chairman of the Belmont and Haywood Country Park Supporters who have submitted the grant application in relation to the Spring Open Day event. Cllr Edwards informed Members he wished to leave the meeting when the application is being discussed.

CD2014-2015.4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE

Members received the minutes of the meeting of the Community Development Committee grants meeting held on the 03 March 2014. Cllr Boulter raised an amendment on page 14 of the minutes item CDCG2013/2014.24 a) It states Cllr Michael proposed £1,000 and it should have read Cllr Kenyon. The minutes were amended and agreed as a true and accurate account of the meeting.

Members received and confirmed the minutes of the meeting of the Community Development Committee held on the 4 March 2014.

RESOLVED:

The amended minutes of the meeting held on the 03 March 2014 and the minutes of the meeting held on the 04 March 2014 are agreed as a true and accurate account of the meetings and agreed the Chairman initial, sign and date the minutes accordingly.

HEREFORDSHIRE ROLLER SKATING CLUB GRANT APPLICATION FOR £3,000

Members received a presentation from the Herefordshire Roller Skating.

Mr Matt Bushkes gave a brief background in to the club and a brief overview of the submitted application and the long term project plans for the club and community use of the proposed building. He explained the need for new opportunities to grow the club due to demand and explained the new site will provide the ideal opportunity to grow the club and provide community facilities for other clubs to use including dance clubs and other groups needing regular use of a community facility.

Mr Bushkes explained the process for laying the new floor needed to provide such a facility which is viable for the use of the roller skaters, dancers and other community groups.

Mr Bushkes informed Members of other organisations the group have applied to for improvements to the building such as Veolia - £55,000, Sport England - £75,000 and in the future will be applying to Awards for All for the purchase of new equipment.

Questions and answers were as follows:

- The building will provide an ideal indoor community facility which will be non weather dependant.
- There is adequate heating in the facility at present but there are future plans to improve the heating and ventilation which will be carried out in time.
- An explanation of all the improvements that will need to be completed to bring the property up to standard needed.
- Have been offered a 10 year lease with very favourable rental costs.
- How will sport England look on a lease of only 10 years – Sport England require a minimum of an 8 year lease and as the club have been successfully running for over three years this is all taken in to consideration.
- The building will become a safe environment to use as soon as the floor is laid and the other improvements can be done as and when the funds are available.
- Core business will be roller skating, car club once a week, plan to have the facility open seven days a week. Roller club will not be using the facility for the whole of the seven days a week so there will be allocated times for other hirers to use the facility.
- What percentage of members are Hereford residents - 78% live within the city.

There being no further questions the Chairman thanked Mr Bushkes for his time and he left the room.

BELMONT AND HAYWOOD COUNTRY PARK SUPPORTERS GRANT APPLICATION FOR £1,500

Members received a presentation from Mrs Bobbie Hadley, Belmont and Haywood Country Park Supporters.

Mrs Hadley gave a brief overview of the group and the diversity of members from old to young and all have different interests from dog walkers to those interested in the environment. The group had two new members who signed up today.

Mrs Hadley explained the park is important for health and well being and for children to be able to run around and play. She explained that due to the park it is now possible to walk and cycle from the top of Belmont to the Great Western Way and along the Great Western Way in to High Town, across to the Whitecross and Edgar Street areas the of town without the need to travel along any roads. It is important to let everyone know it's there.

Mrs Hadley described how the Belmont and Haywood Country Park was of a nature type differing greatly from the normal city parks.

Mrs Hadley then went on to give details of the planned Spring Open Day event which will include the following:

- Community Games – categories for 5-10yrs 11-15yrs, 16-18yrs and adults.
- Sascha Kindred will be attending to give the awards for the community games.
- The community games have been very successful in the areas they have taken place so far.
- There will be bouncy castles, face painting, hook a duck, a wild flower quiz and more.
- Morris Dancing
- Dolloway Dancers and Zumba dancing
- Dog obedience
- Tai Chi
- A soul choir and other singers
- Food and drink includes ice cream, afternoon teas, BBQ and Hog Roast and cider.
- Charity stalls raising money for different charities including the Mayor's Charities.

Mrs Hadley explained that the event was inspired by the community and supported by several community groups within the surrounding area.

Questions and answers were as follows:

- Applications have gone in for the community games to cover the cost of the medals
- The whole of the country park is in the City of Hereford.
- Insurance is an annual insurance which will cover several events throughout the year.
- Has the groups considered approaching Balfour Beatty in relation to the generators – they have offered to cover the litter picking for the event but this needs to be chased up for confirmation.
- The group is hoping to hold as many events as possible under the annual insurance.

- This was the only quote that was offered by any insurance company to cover cycling and other community events. There is no restriction on the number of events that can be held within the year.
- The supporters should consider charging for the bouncy castle and other free events to support the costs of the event and provide the group with funding to sustain future events as well as raise funds for charity.
- The group should consider a £1.00 charge to purchase a wrist band which would give unlimited access then to the bouncy castle etc but also support the costs of the event.

There being no further questions the Chairman thanked Mrs Hadley for her time and she left the room.

CD2014-2015.7

HINTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION GRANT APPLICATION FOR £3,000

Members received a presentation from Mr Vince McNally, Hinton Community Association.

Mr McNally gave a brief overview of how the club and the Hinton Association has change over the last few years. Mr McNally has now taken over the management of the centre and the centre is now being run by a volunteer management group. The number of groups using the facilities has increased greatly since the changeover and different classes across the board are now being provided from the centre. Mr McNally informed Members of the desire due to public demand to provide a community gym and the varied range of people that will be supported through the different classes that will be delivered. The classes the centre are now delivering have great support from different organisations and other fitness clubs are now wishing to hire the facilities. The community gym will not be about competing in boxing it will be about inclusion of all and supporting these different groups of people. The centre has the support of Family Support Officers, Schools and the Local Policing Team and the local Roundtable Club have just offered to provide a new boxing ring for the centre to continue its amateur boxing fitness classes.

Questions and answers were as follows:

- The equipment laid out in the application is basic boxing equipment which can also be used for other fitness classes.
- The difference from the centre in the past is that the centre is now being run by volunteers and is sustainable. Before it was being badly managed and there were more outgoings than in comings.
- Supporting this project will really help towards securing the sustainability of this centre.
- The centre also have the support also from the Hereford City Rotary club and Herefordshire Housing who have also sent them an application form for funding to complete.
- The two managers of the centre put in roughly 40-48 volunteer hours a week to run the centre and co-ordinate the different classes delivered from the centre and groups wishing to hire the facilities.
- Other gym equipment will be purchased to support the gym facility.
- Some of it will be specialised equipment to support some groups with special and/or specific needs/requirements.
- The ethos of the centre is about what has the most impact in the community and what do the community need to support them.
- This facility substantially supports young people in the vicinity.
- Any funding received now would provide the initial equipment needed.

The Chairman congratulated Mr McNally and his team on the fantastic job they are doing and thanked him for his time. Mr McNally left the room.

As Cllrs Toon and Oliver needed to leave the meeting early the Chairman asked Members if they were happy to consider the grant awards on the above applications before receiving the next presentation. Members agreed.

CD2014-2015.8

HEREFORDSHIRE ROLLER SKATING CLUB GRANT AWARD

Cllr Toon proposed to award the full grant request as submitted by the Herefordshire Roller Skating Club. This was seconded by Cllr Nichols.

Cllr Edwards explained to Members that he was fully supportive of this application but he had a note of caution with huge costs the group are anticipating in improving the building and felt the group should take legal advice as to whether or not something should be built in to the lease for the betterment of the building.

Members requested that a condition to the award should be included stating that the award was only given subject to planning permission for change of use of the building being agreed.

The proposal was put to the vote and unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED:

To award the full grant request of £3,000 as submitted by the Herefordshire Roller Skating Club subject to planning permission for change of use of the building being agreed.

Cllr Edwards left the room for the next item.

CD2014-2015.9

BELMONT AND HAYWOOD COUNTRY PARK SUPPORTERS GRANT APPLICATION

Members discussed the event, community support and community involvement in the delivery of event and the possible number of residents from the City that would benefit from the event. The committee concluded that it was good event but it was just for one day and consideration of the amount of money requested to support a one day event should be balanced.

Cllr Oliver proposed £750 to the costs of the event which was seconded by Cllr Toon.

Put to the vote 5 in favour of the proposal and there were 2 abstentions.

RESOLVED:

To award £750 towards the cost of the Spring Open Day event.

Cllr Edwards entered the room.

CD2014-2015.10 HINTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION GRANT APPLICATION

Cllr Toon proposed to award the full grant requested. Cllr Michael informed Members she wished to abstain from discussing this item or voting on the proposal. Cllr Toon's proposal was seconded by Cllr Kenyon.

Members made reference to the groups strenuous efforts to approach other organisations first and how pleased they are to hear they are widening their fitness approach and not restricting it specifically to boxing.

Put to the vote 6 Members voted in favour; there was 1 abstention.

RESOLVED:

To award the full £3,000 grant as requested for the purchase of new gym equipment.

Cllr Toon and Cllr Oliver left the chamber at 7.10pm

CD2014-2015.11 HEREFORDSHIRE RUNNING FESTIVAL GRANT APPLICATION FOR £3,000

Members received a presentation from Adrian Wilcox and Richard Danks in relation to the Herefordshire Running Festival and considered the funding award requested.

Mr Wilcox and Mr Danks gave a brief overview of running festival and the application as laid before the committee and explained the variation submitted to Members prior to the commencement of the meeting today due to the St. John ambulance costs being higher than expected.

Questions and answers were as follows:

- Advertising – the feedback has been very positive, entries are coming in there are about 100 entries so far.
- Hope to hit three hundred entries by September.
- There are an increasing number of running, cycling events being delivered.
- Do you discuss with others when they have events and have you considered joining together and ensuring events are not run on top of each other.
- Yes and we are promoting each other's events to ensure county is active and working together and not against each other.
- This event has a community minded aim and has achieved great community involvement which is a key aim of the event.
- Long term plans – it is hoped the event brings in people from all over the world especially as it is linked in with the John Tarrant organisation.
- The publicity has not gone national yet that goes live in May.

There being no further questions the Chairman thanked Mr Wilcox and Mr Danks for their time and they left the room.

Cllr Michael proposed to award the full grant requested, seconded by Cllr Nicholls and unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED:

To award the full £3,000 requested to support the event.

CD2014-2015.12 IAN BROOM – COMMUNITY START UP GRANT FOR £250 – BARTONSHAM ROW DITCH COMMUNITY ARCHAEOLOGY PROJECT.

Members considered a community group start up grant request.

As ward Member Cllr Kenyon gave a brief overview of this project and how the idea started.

Cllr Tawn proposed the award requested of £250 to cover the costs to start up the community group which was seconded by Cllr Michael and unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED:

To award the £250 requested to cover the costs to start up the community group as laid out in the application.

CD2014-2015.13 WOMEN FOR WOMEN

Members considered a letter from the above organisation requesting an extension for their annual report and presentation and request for the release of the last of the three consecutive annual funding awards.

The Civic and Community Development Officer explained to Members that the organisation use the Shirehall for the delivery of a large number of their classes as the building they are based in does not have the space. They were informed a few weeks ago that the Shirehall was no longer available for hire and as a result they need to find an alternative venue that is within the vicinity of the building they currently occupy. Until they have been able to identify such a location and secure the hire of the room/s and confirm the costs the organisation will not be in a position to forecast its plans and finances over the coming year. For this reason Women for Women request that the committee considers an extension to the time by which the organisation have to deliver their annual report and request the last part of their funding award.

Cllr Tawn proposed deferring the annual report and request for the release of the final grant award until Women for Women have got a plan in place for how they will deliver their classes over the coming year now the Shirehall facility is no longer available to them. This was seconded by Cllr Edwards and unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED:

To defer the presentation of the annual report and request for the release of the final grant award until Women for Women have got a plan in place for how they will deliver their classes over the coming year.

CD2014-2015.14 CITY EVENTS REPORT

Members received a report from the Town Clerk.

The Committee noted the great success of the Wedding Fayre and thanked all concerned for their involvement.

The Town Clerk handed out his report on progress to date in relation to the Historical Hereford Day event and gave a brief overview of the different acts that have spoken to in relation to attending the event.

The Town Clerk explained that there had been no interest from Herefordshire Council in relation to a secondment of one of their Officers to assist in the delivery of the event. Thus being the case he will place an advert in the newspapers for a temporary events assistant.

Members questioned why more local people were not being used. They also questioned why the acts were all for delivery on the Castle Green and Radcliffe Gardens and what plans were in place for the delivery of events in High Town. The Town Clerk explained that he had planned for a recruitment tent in High Town recruiting people to join the event and directing them to the event on Castle Green. Members asked the Town Clerk to ensure more acts and entertainers were placed in High Town on the day.

This led to a brainstorming session by Members of the committee and Officers present and the following are some of the suggestions made by the committee:

- Local Amateurs Dramatic Societies.
- Groups the City Council have supported through the community grants scheme.
- Rail male choir - war time songs.
- Chamber choir at the cathedral - old time songs.
- Falconry Show – Cllr Michael has contact details she can give the Town Clerk.
- Fire show – The Town Clerk to make contact with Cllr Michael's daughter for the delivery of this.

Members considered the Town Clerk's request for confirmation from the committee for the switching on of the Christmas lights to be 30 November 2014.

Cllr Tawn proposed the committee agree the above date, seconded by Cllr Kenyon and unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED:

The committee confirm the date for the switching on of the Christmas lights to be 30 November 2014

CD2014-2015.15 HOLMER WAR MEMORIAL

The Town Clerk informed Members he was withdrawing his report as there had been confusion between himself, Councillor Andrews and the stone mason as to which war memorial was in need of repair and his report related to a different one.

CD2014-2015.16 HEREFORD CITY COMMUNITY ROAD SHOW

Members noted feedback from events since the last meeting of the Community Development Committee and noted the forthcoming dates for future events and Officer and Councillor attendance with the road show at each of those events.

Feedback from Cllr Nicholls was received for the following:

- **KING GEORGES PLAYING FIELDS – CYCLE FESTIVAL – 5 APRIL 2014**
- **ST NICHOLAS WARD – 6 APRIL 2014**

FUTURE EVENTS

APRIL

- **TUPSLEY WARD – Easter Sunday Fun Run – Easter Sunday 20 APRIL 2014**

Transporting the road show – Cllr Nicholls.

Manning the road show - Cllrs Nicholls, Michael and Boulter

Mayor gave a huge note of thanks to Cllrs Kenyon and Nicholls for their support with transportation of the road show and attending events.

Cllr Tawn requested the road show be present in High Town for **Friday 18 July 2014** which was the Hereford in Bloom judging day. The road show to be in attendance as an information stand and to include displays for community garden/open space projects and information about support from the City Council for Hereford in Bloom.

The Civic and Community Development Officer to collate all the information required for display on the day and be in attendance with the road show.

Cllr Nicholls requested and it was agreed the attendance of the road show and the Civic and Community Development Officer at an event the Grandstand Road Community Association were holding on **Saturday 16 August 2014**.

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- **RIVER FESTIVAL – Saturday 3 May 2014**

Transporting the road show – Cllr Kenyon

Manning the road show – Cllrs Chappell, Nicholls and Preece. (Cllr Tawn when possible) The Town Clerk.

- **BELMONT WARD – Belmont and Haywood Country Park Spring Open Day – Bank Holiday Monday 5 MAY 2014**

Transporting the road show – Cllr Kenyon

Manning the road show – The Civic and Community Development Officer and Cllr Nicholls.

CD2014-2015.17 ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Members had no items for consideration for future meetings.

CD2014-2015.18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members noted the dates of the next meetings as:

MONDAY 2 JUNE 2014 – Grants Meeting - 10am

TUESDAY 10 JUNE 2014 – Routine Meeting – 6pm

There being no further business the Chairman called the meeting to a close at 7.56 pm.

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Dated.....