

HEREFORD CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2013

PRESENT: Cllrs Boulter, Kay, Kenyon, Michael, Nenadich, Oliver and Tawn.

ALSO PRESENT: The Civic and Community Development Officer, Finance Officer and City Events Manager.

CD2013/14.48 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Andrews, Edwards, Hempton-Smith, Nicholls and Toon.

CD2013/14.49 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES

There were no appointments of substitute members.

CD2013/14.50 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest under the Herefordshire Code of Conduct pursuant to the Localism Act 2011 in respect of items on the agenda were received.

CD2013/14.51 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE

Members received and confirmed the minutes of the meeting of the Community Development Committee held on the 23 July 2013.

RESOLVED:

The minutes of the meeting of the Community Development Committee held on the 23 July 2013 are a true and accurate account of the meeting and be initialled, signed and dated by the Chairman.

CD2013/14.52 CITY EVENTS REPORT

Members received and considered a report from Ms Shelagh Calaghan, City Events Manager.

The City Events Manager gave a brief over view of her events past and forth coming.

In relation to the Christmas activities, the committee agreed to using the space in High Town normally allocated in past years to the carousel, skate rink and vintage fair to be filled by individuals delivering different forms of entertainment and paid for out of the normal budget allowance for the former activities. The committee asked the Events Manager to look in to

the possibility/viability of the swing boats that were part of the vintage fair last year being placed in the Butter Market this year.

The City Events Manager asked the committee to consider an increase the City Events budget as this has not been increased for the last three years and it was agreed to increase the budget from £24,000 to £27,000.

Payment of volunteers at City events is to be considered at the preceding committee relevant to each individual event. It was also raised by one Member and agreed by the other Members that they should be more involved in helping at the City events.

RESOLVED:

The space in High Town normally allocated in past years to the carousel, skate rink and vintage fair to be filled by individuals delivering different forms of entertainment and paid for out of the normal budget allowance for the former activities.

Events Manager to look in to the possibility/viability of the swing boats that were part of the vintage fair last year being placed in the Butter Market this year.

The committee agree an increase in the City Events budget from £24,000 to £27,000.

Payment of volunteers at City events is to be considered at the preceding committee relevant to each individual event.

Members agreed that all City Councillors should be more involved in helping at the City events.

CD2013/14.53

BELMONT COMMUNITY CENTRE GRANT APPLICATION

Members received and considered the additional information as requested by the committee following consideration of the grant application on 23 July 2013.

RESOLVED:

Agreed to award £1,300 for the cost of the new cooking range in the community centre.

CD2013/14.54

BULMERS BOWLING CLUB GRANT APPLICATION

Members received and considered a grant application from Bulmers Bowling Club for replacement equipment.

A brief overview of the application was received from Clive Handsome from the Bulmers Bowling Club followed by questions and answers.

After much discussion it was proposed and agreed to award £3,000 funding requested towards equipment costs.

RESOLVED:
Agreed to award the full £3,000 requested for equipment.

CD2013/14.55

ST PETER'S CHURCH – DAVID SHORT MEMORIAL DINNER

Members received and considered a grant application for the above.

After much discussion it was proposed to award £100 towards the cost of soft drinks at the above event.

RESOLVED:
Agreed to award the full £100 requested for the provision of soft drinks.

CD2013/14.56

CASTLE GREEN IT EDUCATION

Members considered a variation on the grant award for providing IT equipment. Grant application considered and grant awarded at the meeting of the Community Development Committee 03 June 2013.

RESOLVED:
Committee agrees to a part of the original funding award to be spent on the installation of internet access at the pavilion on Castle Green.

CD2013/14.57

CLOSE HOUSE PROJECT

Members considered the release of the recurring grant for 2013.

Members considered to remit the issue of future funding the relevant mentioned person to the Town Clerk and Civic & Community Development Officer to work up a proposal for additional funding for this post and a full programme of activities.

Cllr Nenadich informed Members he is a trustee of Close House.

Members received a brief presentation from Ben Lee on the work delivered by Close House over the past year.

RESOLVED:
To release re-curing grant for this year.

The Town Clerk and Civic and Community Development Officer to proceed in discussions with Close House for the possible future funding of the youth worker and to draw up a delivery plan and proposal to go to the next relevant committee for consideration. Following the consideration of a proposal Community Development Committee would then make a recommendation to Finance and Policy committee.

AYLESTONE PLAY UPDATE AND PROPOSAL FOR MOOR FARM PLAY AREA

Members received and considered a report from Fran White, Herefordshire Council.

Members received a presentation from Fran White followed by questions and answers.

In relation to the proposal put forward on the Moor Farm play scheme, discussion took place at length and the main points raised were as follows:

- Members felt that as previous community groups had only had kick start funding from the City Council and had had to apply for larger pots of funding to support their projects this president should be continued across all groups or it could be seen as favouritism to one group.
- Need for more community involvement
- Need for more community consultation
- Need for solid evidence for community support to apply for funding from other outside bodies.
- Members were informed by the Chairman that consultation events are taking place in relation to the play area, one being on the 21 September.
- That this item be deferred for consideration at a future committee once the evaluation of those consultations had been collated

RESOLVED:

That this item be deferred for consideration at a future committee meeting once the evaluation of community consultations had been collated.

MARQUEE FOR COMMUNITY ROAD SHOW

Members considered the attached art work and the three quotes to produce a high spec City Council Marquee to promote the City Council, enable the successful delivery of the Community Road Show and for use at other City Council events.

Members considered three options laid out in front of them for consideration of quality and price. Members unanimously agreed to the purchase of the superior quality marquee which worked out at only £150 more than the two lesser options and to the separate purchase from a different company of the leg weights.

RESOLVED:

The City Council to proceed with the purchase of the superior quality marquee and to the separate purchase of the leg weights as laid out in the report.

WARD REPORTS

- a) **Aylestone** – Members noted the email from Cllr Wilcox as circulated.
- b) **Belmont** – Members noted the email from Cllr Edwards as circulated.
- c) **Central** – Members noted the ward report from Cllr Tawn as circulated.

Cllr Tawn informed Members that he'd been in conversation with the Mayor in relation to the installation of an interpretation board at the John Venn's grave site. This he felt was a very good idea as it would give the history of the site and the work delivered by Revd John Venn and his sister. Cllr Tawn informed Members his intention is to cover the cost of the interpretation board from his ward budget. Members agreed this was an excellent idea.

- d) **St Martin's and Hinton** – Cllr Oliver gave a brief oral report of activities in his ward area.
- e) **St Nicholas** - Cllrs Michael and Boulter gave a brief oral report of activities in their ward area.
- f) **Three Elms** – Members noted the ward report from Cllrs Nicholls and Chave as circulated.
- g) **Tupsley** - Cllr Kenyon gave a brief oral report of activities in his ward area.

Cllr Kenyon also asked committee to consider supporting a planning application for a building on the highway in Harold Street to store a pedicab for community use. This type of application could only be applied for by a body such as the City Council. Member unanimously agreed to support this application and submit the application on behalf of pedicabs.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Members received update reports and/or note the following as listed below:

- a) **GREENWAY PROJECT** – Members received an oral update report from the Chairman and noted that the item of the City Council contributing to the street scene of the project would be considered at a later date once the work was complete and there was a clear vision for the open space on the south side of the bridge by the Rotherwas trading estate.

b) **HEREFORD CITY COMMUNITY ROAD SHOW**

Members noted the dates below.

OUTINGS TO DATE:

- **Tupsley Ward** – Party in the Park, The Quarry – Saturday 20 July 2013
- **Central Ward** – Portfields – Sunday 4 August 2013

FUTURE DATES:

- **Three Elms Ward** (Moor Farm Area) – Saturday 21 September 2013
- **St Nicholas Ward** – Sunday 22 September 2013 (*Planning for Real only as the road show is already booked for Three Elms, Grandstand Road Community Games event*)
- **Three Elms Ward** (Grandstand Road area) – Sunday 22 September 2013
- **City wide event**, High Town – Wednesday 9 October 2013
- **Central Ward** – October 2013 – DTBC
- **Belmont Ward** – April 2014 – DTBC

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ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Outstanding from previous meetings.

- Allotments Lease.
- Scaffolding around the building by the Black and White house and clarification on when the work would be completed.
- Hedge Policy
- Yazor Brook and Widemarsh Brook proposal.
- Greenway Project
- Herefordshire Council Seagull report
- Moor Farm Play Scheme

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members noted the date of the next meeting is TUESDAY 22 OCTOBER 2013

There being no further business the Chairman called the meeting to a close at 7.55 pm.

Signed.....

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