

HEREFORD CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 22 OCTOBER 2013

PRESENT: Chairman of the Committee, Cllr Jim Kenyon and Cllrs Andrews, Boulter, Edwards, Kay, Michael, Nicholls, Oliver, Tawn and Toon

ALSO PRESENT: The Town Clerk, The Civic and Community Development Officer and the Finance Officer.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Nenadich.

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APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES

There were no appointments of substitute members.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE

Members received and confirmed the minutes of the meeting of the Community Development Committee held on the 10 September 2013.

RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting of the Community Development Committee held on the 10 September 2013 are agreed as a true and accurate account of the meeting and to be initialled, signed and dated by the Chairman.

The Chairman asked if Members were happy to take item 8 on the agenda at this point. Members agreed they were happy to do so.

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PROJECT PROPOSAL FROM RICHARD FISHBOURNE IN RELATION TO THE YAZOR BROOK, WIDEMARSH BROOK/EIGN BROOK IN HEREFORD

Members received and considered a project proposal from Richard Fishbourne.

Richard Fishbourne gave a brief overview of the project and requested the City Council award match funding to support the project costs.

Mr Fishbourne explained to Members that there is a need to improve the water courses and enhancement of the City. He explained that he works closely with community first and worked in partnership in the past with the South Wye Regeneration Partnership on the South Wye environmental project. Through his work on this project he managed to draw down a lot of funding from outside organisations towards funding of this project which enable the project to expanded vastly compared to the initial delivery plan.

Mr Fishbourne informed Members of his aspirations for the appraisal project through the City and these will be written down in the subsequent grant application requesting match funding from the City Council.

Cllr Kenyon showed a brief video about the Eign brook and some of the issues faced around the brook.

Discussion took place between Members highlighting the following:

- Herefordshire Council intimated that the Environment Agency is responsible for these waterways but according to Environment Agency they are not.
- There are different issues with different sections of these waterways and some of parts are already being addressed by groups already in the City.
- Richard clarified that he would be requesting funding for him to do an appraisal along theses waterways to asses all the different elements and at what stages the different projects along these waterways are at.
- Imperative that a Watercourse mapping is established.
- This is a duplication of work that has already been done and a lot of this appraisal work is already in place.
- He is aware of this and he will be using that information to assist his appraisal delivery.

There being no further questions the Chairman thanked Mr Fishbourne for his time.

Cllr Edwards informed Members that he knows Mr Fishbourne from working on the Belmont project.

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CITY EVENTS REPORT

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

Town Clerk gave a brief over view of Shelagh's report and circulated his report about the Dr Who event.

Cllr Kenyon informed Members that the Buttermarket are happy to have the swings and slides in there for the Christmas period. He also informed Members that there are plans to have a mobile Police unit in situ in the Buttermarket over the Christmas period.

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HERE FOR the CITY PROJECT EVALUATION

This item was deferred until later on in the meeting as Mr Lindesay was conducting interviews and would be not be able to attend until they were completed.

NEWTON FARM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Members received and considered a grant proposal from the Newton Farm Community Association.

Cllr Edwards gave a brief overview of the association and the multi services they deliver in an area which is amongst the 10% most deprived areas in England.

Cllr Kenyon spoke in favour of the association and the excellent work and much needed services delivered by them. He informed Members that this request for funding was a safety back up in case the association are unable to ascertain funding from other sources. Should they secure funding from other sources they would not need the City Council money.

Cllr Toon raised about how much funding south of the river has had in the past and about how many different bodies are working in partnership with each other in this area highlighting how much funding these different organisations receive and questioning why are they not sustaining themselves. She also highlighted the fact that the proposal was not on a grant application form and so should not be considered.

It was explained that the Association deliver many different projects in the area which raises money towards funding the many different projects they deliver.

Cllr Oliver mentioned the new centre at Putson and how they would love to have a project like this in Putson. He also highlighted to Members that if the City Council award funding for this project would all community groups in all the areas of the City be expecting to get the same funding for their projects.

Cllr Edwards spoke in favour of this project and why there is such a need for this project in this area.

Cllr Nicholls spoke in favour of this project and the absolute need for this project in this area. He also highlighted that the principle of this project would be the same whether it was presented as it is tonight or on a proper grant application form.

Much discussion continued.

The Chairman proposed that the association be requested to place the proposal on a grant application form to be presented at the next grants meeting. This was seconded and unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED: The Civic and Community Development Officer writes to the Newton Farm Community Association requesting place the proposal on a grant application form to be presented at the next grants meeting

HEREFORD CITY COMMUNITY ROAD SHOW

The Chairman asked the Community Development Officer to give a brief overview of the road show events.

The Civic and Community Development Officer informed Members that there were pictures of recent road show events on the table for them to look at. She highlighted how busy the road show had been to date and that it had been delivered at three

different events in varying forms in one weekend. She also wished the committee to note and thank Cllrs Kenyon and Nicholls who have worked very hard and given up a lot of their time picking up the road show and dropping it off at all the different events it had been out to even when they were not involved in an event. Without them devoting their time and their vehicles to do this, the delivery of the road show to events would become a much harder task.

OUTINGS TO DATE:

Members received oral reports from relative ward Members on road shows events which have taken place since the last meeting of Community Development Committee.

- **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 Community Games Event – Sunday 22 September 2013
- **City wide event,** - High Town – Wednesday 9 October 2013
- **Town Hall** - Velodrome meeting – Thursday 17 October 2013

Cllr Toon said she would like to say a big thank you for all the work that Cllr Nicholls and Cllr Kenyon have done in taking the road show to and from events.

Cllrs discussed their learning curves in relation to each event in relation to matters such as where the road show is positioned at an event for maximum impact and how they may differ how they deliver an event at which the road show is part of.

Cllr Toon stipulated that Officers should be present at the road show to deliver the Planning for Real consultations.

Cllr Kenyon informed Members that besides the High Town event which most of the Officers attended, an Officer would attend an event if requested and that the Civic and Community Development Officer had attended to assist at two of the road show events in her own time.

Cllr Tawn highlighted to Members that at his event on the 26 October his sole purpose is to deliver the road show and Planning for Real himself as the Ward Member engaging with his community and he did not require an officer to be present.

Cllr Boulter informed Members about the success of the St Nicholas event and how it has opened up a whole new variety of options and partnerships. One such opening which resulted from this event led to the first meeting to investigate the viability of a velodrome in the City.

FUTURE DATES:

To note future dates for Road Show events.

- **Central Ward** – Central Park Family Fun Day - 26 October 2013
- **Belmont Ward** – April 2014 – DTBC

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HERE FOR the CITY PROJECT EVALUATION

This item could not be considered as Will Lindesay, HVOSS was not present at the meeting.

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ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Outstanding from previous meetings.

- **Allotments Lease.**

The Town Clerk gave a brief overview of the current position with the lease. Cllr Edwards asked why the City Council are not in the driving seat with this and why it appeared HALGS were. They are the City Council's allotments and as such the City Council should be driving this forward.

The Town Clerk spoke briefly about how HALGS having a lease for the allotments they could apply for other forms of funding to support the allotments.

Members made reference to the grant the City Council award HALGS to look after the allotments and if this would continue after the lease had been agreed. The Town Clerk informed Members HALGS could not afford to lose the £12,000 funding they receive from the City Council annually to support the allotments.

Members highlighted how frustrated they are that this has been ongoing for so long and has not moved forward and asked that the matter be addressed notwithstanding the flooding issues at the Roackfield site.

Some more discussion took place covering all mentioned above.

- **Scaffolding around the building by the Black and White house** and clarification on when the work would be completed.

The Town Clerk reported that this is an issue for Herefordshire Council but they are not pursuing the matter and were not intending on using their legal powers to move this forward.

- **Hedge Policy.**

It was noted that work is now underway on the Westfaling Street hedging and this no longer needs to remain on the agenda.

- **Close House** Proposal for future funding of a Youth Worker.
The Town Clerk informed Members that he and the Community Development Officer have had a meeting with Ben Lee and a grant application will be submitted to a future meeting.

- **Greenway Project**

Cllr Kenyon gave a brief overview of the project to date, issues with different elements of the greenway route and ideas that could be delivered in the future.

Cllr Kenyon requested that the Council supports him in writing a letter on behalf of the Council to put a skate bowl in by the bridge in the area of open space. Cllr Toon seconded this proposal.

Cllr Edwards suggested it is not the right place to encourage kids to play right by the river where over the years the river has taken many a young life. Much discussion followed on this.

It was suggested and agreed that as Councillors were only aware of the site and had not visited it in person a plan be drawn up of the area to give them a clear understanding of the area under discussion and the positioning of the skate bowl.

Cllr Kenyon informed Members he will prepare a plan of the area to show Councillors at the next meeting so they can assess the area for themselves.

- **Herefordshire Council Seagull report**

Members were informed that a request had been made for the stakeholders meeting to take place before Herefordshire Council send any invoices for the funding towards the project. This would mean Members would be kept informed on current progress before releasing any funds.

- **Moor Farm Play Scheme**

Fran White from Herefordshire Council was present at the meeting and gave a brief overview of her presentation at the last Community Development meeting. Moor Farm has apparently done some consultation on the play scheme and she is meeting with Moor Farm tomorrow to find out the results of these consultations. It has now been agreed that the path and the bridge to/from Trinity school will be installed. This has meant an increase in the overall project cost. Fran presented Members with a plan of where the path will be going for Councillors information. Cllr Toon also highlighted that in addition to the play schemes, referred to above, Herefordshire Housing are funding a £50,000 project on the Moor Farm estate installing outdoor gym equipment and a trim trail.

Mrs White asked the City Council to support the proposed play schemes with funding of £30,000 to deliver this project

The Chairman informed Mrs White that if she wished to request funding for this project she should apply for this on the proper grant application form.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

MONDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2013 10AM - GRANTS MEETING - Noted

TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER 2013 – ROUTINE MEETING - Noted

There being no further business the Chairman called the meeting to a close at 7.25 pm.

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