

# HEREFORD CITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER 2013**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Kenyon, Toon, Oliver, Andrews, Edwards, Michael, Tawn, Nicholls and Boulter.

**CD2013/14.76      APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Members received apologies for absence from Cllr Nenadich

**CD2013/14.77      APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES**

There were no appointments of substitute members.

**CD2013/14.78      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.

**CD2013/14.79      MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE**

Members received and confirmed the minutes of the meeting of the Community Development Committee held on the 22 October 2013 and the meeting considering Community Grants on 4 November 2013.

Cllr Nicholls proposed the minutes, seconded by Cllr Andrews and unanimously agreed.

**RESOLVED:**

**The minutes of the meeting of the Community Development Committee held on the 22 October 2013 and the meeting considering Community Grants on 4 November 2013 agreed as a true and accurate account of the meeting and the Chairman initialled, signed and dated the minutes.**

**CD2013/14.80      CITY EVENTS REPORT**

Members received an oral report from the Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk gave a brief over view of events, the Christmas light displays and briefly covered some issues in relation to the vandalism that had taken place on the Christmas tree in High Town.

The Town Clerk also covered the:

- Christmas Light Switch On.
- Historical Hereford Day – The event. Castle Green being double booked and how he had resolved the issue.

Cllr Boulter arrived 6.06pm

Members raised the issue about the Christmas light switch on and many members of the public expressing their wish for it to take place on the first night of late night shopping. Cllr Toon explained the reasons behind the event happening on a Sunday and not on the first Wednesday of late night shopping running up to Christmas. Members requested that this be an item to go on the agenda for a future meeting.

Further discussion took place and Members were in general agreement about the guidance and reasons behind why the event takes place on a Sunday and requested the Town Clerk contact the relative authorities to get guidance from those organisations like police etc on the issue before discussing this any further.

Cllr Tawn will contact retailers to ascertain their point of view in relation to which day would be their preference and why.

**CD2013/14.81**

**HEREFORD BMX CLUB START UP GRANT APPLICATION**

Members received and considered a community group start up grant application from Mr Craig Glinos to start a Hereford BMX Club.

Cllr Kenyon gave a brief overview of application and the people wishing to set up the group.

Cllr Toon spoke in favour of the application and proposed awarding the grant request, seconded by Cllr Edwards and unanimously agreed.

**RESOLVED:**

**The Committee awards £300 start up grant for the Hereford BMX Club.**

**CD2013/14.82**

**PLAY AREA AND PATH AT MOOR FARM – LARGE GRANT APPLICATION**

Members received and considered a large grant application for the above and agreed a recommendation to Council.

Cllr Toon gave a brief overview of the application and community support for the project. She informed Members that the group have now submitted an application to Veolia for funding towards this project and that the need for this project was a key issue raised in the initial City Plan community consultation and was one of the objectives within the ward and City Plan. The grant request would set off the funding and the impact for the communities resulting from the delivery of this project would really raise community spirit.

Cllr Andrews informed Members she fully supported the hard work of the Moor Farm community group.

Cllr Edwards proposed supporting this application. He raised a point questioning the key people of this group and the key element of getting more people engaged in the community and was satisfied with the response received.

Members questioned the funding for this application and where the money would come from to support it. The Finance Officer explained the budget details and where the funding would come from to support the project. Members were very satisfied that by supporting this project it would not put additional budget strain on the Council.

Cllr Edwards thanked Cllr Kenyon for his work with Hereford in Bloom and the savings on this year's floral features budget as a result.

Cllr Kenyon seconded the proposal and it was unanimously agreed.

**RESOLVED:**

**The Committee recommends to Council to fully support this project and the £30,000 funding be awarded from the anticipated under spend in the floral features budget for 2013.**

CD2013/14.83

**COMMUNITY FIRST – YAZOR, WIDEMARSH and EIGN BOOK APPRAISAL – LARGE GRANT APPLICATION**

Members received and considered a large grant application for the above and agree a recommendation to Council.

Cllr Tawn informed Members he broadly supports this with the engagement of young people and the clearing up of the brook but that he had great concerns over the initial cost of the appraisal and why Community First were not funding this themselves especially considering the large balance in their accounts.

Cllr Andrews and Toon informed Members they shared the same views.

Cllr Edwards informed Members that these brooks are the responsibility of Herefordshire Council and the owners who have land along the banks of these watercourses. He also informed Members he has concerns about the application.

Cllr Toon highlighted the major problem with the brooks is the growth of vegetation within them.

Cllr Nicholls informed Members that he had a Meeting with Richard Fishbourne about a year ago and had passed to him a majority of the information he needed for this appraisal of the watercourses. Cllr Nicholls had also called a public meeting around this time and gave a brief outline of the different bodies who attended and how each body seemed to be avoiding their responsibility.

Cllr Kenyon expressed his view that he would rather see £1000 spent cleaning up the brooks and developing the areas and he proposed not to support this application which was seconded by Cllr Andrews.

Further discussion took place and covered the following:

- Forming a group made up of interested parties from along the banks of the brooks to pull all this together and deliver on the ground improvements to the watercourses and land along side.

- The Culvert of the Aylesbrook is broken and causes flooding.
- Preference would be to spend a £1000 fixing that to alleviate the problem.
- Look at the possibility of Hereford in Bloom looking in to this as part of that of the Hereford in Bloom Project for 2014 and beyond.

Members took a vote on the proposal not to support this application. Seven voted in favour and two Members abstained.

**RESOLVED:**

**The Committee recommends to Council not to support this application.**

**The committee's reasons for this are as follows:**

- **A majority of the work this appraisal project would cover has already been completed.**
- **The Committee's preference would be to support on the ground projects delivered by community groups which would make a difference to the look, feel and environmental impact of these watercourses.**

**CD2013/14.84**

**TEMPORARY CHRISTMAS POP UP WEST MERCIA POLICE CRIME AWARENESS CAMPAIGN STAND £140**

Members received an oral report and considered a request in relation to the above.

Cllr Kenyon gave a brief over view of the campaign and the aim and urged Members to support the Police in the delivery of this campaign. Cllr Edwards proposed supporting the campaign and awarding the £140 requested. This was seconded by Cllr Andrews and unanimously agreed.

**RESOLVED:**

**Members of the committee fully support the delivery of this campaign and award £140 towards the cost of renting a stand within the Buttermarket.**

**CD2013/14.85**

**SEAGULL REPORT**

Members received an oral update report following a meeting of Herefordshire Council on the 29 November 2013.

Members received a brief over view of meeting on Friday and the agreement to continuing with removal of eggs and nests in future years.

The number of seagulls is not reducing but they are not expanding. Seagulls live for up to 25 years and on average have up to 3 broods a year.

Those who attended the meeting said it was very interesting and informative about the different approaches to controlling the seagull population. The Hereford example has proved to be the best across the country.

Cllr Edwrads requested the Town Clerk sends a standard letter to businesses in the city about leaving out waste outside their properties.

Cllr Oliver left the room at 6.45

## CD2013/14.86

### WARD REPORTS

Members received one combined Councillor report for St Nicholas, Three Elms and Tupsley submitted on the ward report template provided.

- a) **Aylestone** – Cllr Nenadich sent apologies that he had not completed a report due to being away.
- b) **Belmont** – Cllr Edwards requested the Civic and Community Development Officer sends him another template and apologised that due to Mayoral duties he had not completed a form. He informed Members that on the ground there has been planting bulbs at Hunderton on the green adjacent to the Scout Hut and working with Martin Danks at SWAG we have again been planting bulbs at Belmont Haywood Country Park. Cllr Edwards also informed Members there would be an event taking place in the Belmont Pools area of the Haywood country park on the 5 May 2014. He also requested the road show be present at this event.
- c) **Central** – Cllr Tawn requested a rubbish bin for Gwyn street.
- d) **St Martin's and Hinton** – Cllr Edwards informed Members that there was to be bike festival on sat 5 & 6 April 2014 on the King George's playing field. He requested the Civic and Community Development Officer speak to the ward Councillors in relation to the community road show attending this event.
- e) **St Nicholas** – As per the submitted report. *A copy of the report can be obtained from the Civic and Community Development Officer.* Cllr Michael also requested the road show attend an event being held in the ward on the 6 April 2014.
- f) **Three Elms** – As per the submitted report. *A copy of the report can be obtained from the Civic and Community Development Officer.*
- g) **Tupsley** – As per the submitted report. *A copy of the report can be obtained from the Civic and Community Development Officer.*

CD2013/14.87

**FUTURE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE CITY – LIFE AFTER HERE FOR THE CITY**

Due to an extra ordinary board meeting Mr Lindesay was unable to attend the meeting until 7.30pm. For this reason this item was deferred until later in this meeting.

CD2013/14.88

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

**HEREFORD CITY COMMUNITY ROAD SHOW**

**Outings to Date:**

- **Central Ward** – Central Park Family Fun Day - 26 October 2013 - Cllr Tawn reported on the event. Not a huge amount of input. Not many people came in to the marquee. One issue in relation to a hedge which was brought to his attention by a member of the community he resolved within a couple of days.
- **Tupsley Ward** – Quarry Park Community Fireworks Event – 5 November 2013 – The Civic and Community Development Officer reported on the positive feedback in relation to the projects being carried out in the ward area that she had received at this event. Not many people wanted to write flags but a lot of members of the public present at the event came over to chat to her and Cllr Charles who were on duty and the Mayor and Mayoress and complimented the City Council on its good work.

**Future Outings:**

- **AYLESTONE WARD** - Hereford Sixth Form, Technical and Art Colleges – DTBC
- **BELMONT WARD** - Belmont Pools – 5 May 2014
- **HINTON AND ST MARTINS** – 5 April 2014
- **ST NICHOLAS** - 6 April 2014

CD2013/14.89

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

Outstanding from previous meetings.

- **Allotments Lease.** The Town Clerk gave a brief over view of current position holding up the allotment lease being agreed. He reported on the Knotweed issue and Members requested the Town Clerk sends letter to new owners/leaseholder of the Racecourse to get the knotweed removed.

- **Scaffolding** around the building by the Black and White house and clarification on when the work would be completed. Cllr Tawn informed Members that the major issue affecting the progress of the work needing to be completed was due to River Island still having the lease but not wishing to go back in to the building as they want to go in to the new development and so they have neglected completing the work. This has now hopefully been resolved.
- **Greenway Project** Cllr Kenyon informed Members he has safety concerns around the sewage fall out area of this cycle route. He aired his ideas for a small skate bowl or BMX track on the field between the bridge and the Rotherwas estate.
- **Hereford City Community Group Achievement Awards 2014** – The Civic and Community Development Officer informed Members she was in the process of contacting the support partners from last year and those from other organisations who had expressed an interest to be included this coming year. She also informed Members there would be a trophy donated by Hereford in Bloom, who wished to be involved in the awards for future years, for community garden/floral projects within the City.

Members requested the production of a card that could be delivered by Councillors with contact info on for 101, reporting potholes, seagull issues, littering etc on A5 double sided card. This information could be gathered from that already produced in the Hereford City telephone directory booklet.

Members proceeded with the deferred item from earlier on the agenda as Mr Will Lindesay had arrived in the Chamber at 7.25 pm.

## CD2013/14.90

### **FUTURE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE CITY – LIFE AFTER HERE FOR THE CITY**

Members received and considered a presentation from Will Lindesay, Chief Executive for HVOSS.

Mr Lindesay passed round an executive summary report for Members to peruse and gave a brief over view of that summary.

Mr Lindesay covered the following points:

- Cohesive working within the City and working with communities within the City.
- Community development support and youth support - investment in this area is still very much needed.
- Networks have ability to exchange information.

- Working more effectively with partners.
- Better co-ordination of community development within the city and community development organisations working more cohesively.
- Conversations with key stakeholders.
- Recommendations within the executive summary report.
- Working in partnership with HVOSS and City Council delivering community development within the City.

Cllr Kenyon agreed that in the future these organisations need to work together. HVOSS can access funding which the City Council can't to deliver community development within the City.

Cllr Toon informed Members that all the involved organisations need to be clear about what they want to deliver via community development within the City and the support needs of the Community Groups within the City.

The Civic and Community Development Officer explained that the future of development within the City highlighted by Cllr Toon was already in progress with the delivery of the community leader workshops, HVOSS supporting groups with info and advice, assistance with rolling out projects across the City from the Newton Farm Community Association and the community development work the City Council delivers.

HVOSS wants to be clear about City Council's aims for the future delivery of community development within the City and working together to support the City Council and what it is delivering now and in the future creating a clear package for the City to support its community groups.

Cllr Tawn asked based on the assumption that funding from Herefordshire Council will cease, do HVOSS have a plan to enable future sustainability of the organisation and will this be via raising the funding from other sources. Mr Lindesay covered the following points in his reply: Recent merger of organisations. Rolling forward budgets now for the next two years. Considering options over the next six months. The future is all about sustainability and the long term.

There being no further questions Cllr Kenyon thanked Mr Lindesay for attending.

## **CD2013/14.91**

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Members noted the date of the next meeting was TUESDAY 21 JANUARY 2014 – Routine Meeting



There being no further business the Chairman called the meeting to a close at 8.05 pm

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