

HEREFORD CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 26 APRIL 2016

PRESENT: Cllrs Kenyon (Chairman), Baker, Bushkes, Edwards, Hey, Mansell, Michael, Rone and Stevens.

CD2016/2017.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Members received apologies for absence from Cllrs Boulter, Lloyd-Hayes, Hall and Nicholls.

CD2016/2017.02 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES

There were no appointments of substitute members.

CD2016/2017.03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members received declarations of interest under the Herefordshire Code of Conduct pursuant to the Localism Act 2011 in respect of item 7, Central Tupsley Community Group on the agenda from Cllr Kenyon.

CD2016/2017.04 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE

Members received and confirmed the minutes of the meeting of the Community Development Committee held on the 15 March 2016.

The Minutes were proposed by Cllr Edwards , seconded by Cllr Stevens and it was unanimously

RESOLVED:

The minutes of the meeting of the Community Development Committee held on 15 March 2016 are a true and accurate account of the meetings and be duly initialled, signed and dated by the Chairman.

**CD2016/2017.05 HEREFORDSHIRE NATIONAL AUTISTIC SOCIETY– CHILDREN AND YOUTH
ACTIVITY GROUP – REQUEST FOR £3,000**

Members received a presentation and consider a grant award in relation to the above grant application from Debbie Hobbs and Helen Brown.

Councillors asked questions in relation to:

- The rent, how many sessions this covered and for how long.
- The number of members and how large the membership may become considering they have been going less than a year and the number of members already.
- Does the organisation get referrals.

Members commented on the delivery of an excellent and well needed service.

The Chairman thanked Debbie Hobbs and Helen Brown for their time and they left the meeting.

Cllr Rone informed Members he felt this application for funding stood head and shoulders above other applications the City Council have received over the past year and proposed to award the funding requested. This was seconded by Cllr Bushkes and it was unanimously

RESOLVED:

To award the Herefordshire Branch of the National Autistic Society funding for £3,000 to cover the costs of rent, rates, materials and sensory equipment as laid out in their grant application.

CD2016/2017.06

HEREFORD SUB AQUA CLUB – DIVER ACTIVITIES AND DIVER TRAINING – REQUEST FOR £2,704.76.

Members received a presentation and consider a grant award in relation to the above grant application from Mike Bailey and Elizabeth Pimblett.

The presentation covered a brief overview of the club, the continuous cycle of people coming through the club and the clubs aims to improve the facilities in the club and to get more people involved in diving.

Councillors questions and comments covered the following:

- The trailer for the boat being a small part of a much larger project.
- What the boat for.
- Does the club dive in the river wye as well as diving in other areas of water.
- It being as elitist hobby.
- The poorer areas of the city would not being able to access the sport.
- If the club could provide a couple of sessions per year specifically for people from the more deprived areas within the City.
- Connections with the Ross club.
- What the cost implications are for someone wishing to partake in the sport - youth £15 adult £20 course £300 includes 12 months membership of Hereford and British sub Aqua club. Those who partake get to keep their kit after three months. The course takes as long as it takes a diver to qualify.

There being no further questions the Chairman thanked Mike Bailey and Elizabeth Pimblett for attending and they left the room.

Cllr Rone Informed Members that in his view this is a minority sport and it is elite sport for those in the community who are more affluent and for that reason he feels he cannot support a project to enable the club to indulge in trips to the seaside. If the club had requested funding to run courses for children or the less fortunate to make it accessible to more deprived young people in the City then he could have supported that.

This view was echoed by many Members present.

Cllr Edwards proposed a letter is sent over concerns awarding funding for a trailer to drive away from the City but would consider supporting courses for young people from more deprived backgrounds.

Cllr Michael proposed not to award any funding and request the club submit a new application supporting courses enabling young people from more deprived backgrounds to access the sport. Cllr baker seconded Cllr Michael's proposal. 8 Members voted in favour with one abstention.

RESOLVED:

Not to award any funding and request the club submit a new application supporting courses enabling young people from more deprived backgrounds to access the sport.

CD2016/2017.07 CENTRAL TUPSLEY COMMUNITY GROUP – PICNIC IN THE PARK AN BONFIRE EVENT – REQUEST FOR £3,000

Members received a presentation and consider a grant award in relation to the above grant application from Cllr Kenyon who stood down from the chair for this item to represent the group as the representative who was due to attend the meeting could not be present as her mother is poorly.

Cllr Michael asked for confirmation on what the money would be spent on.

Cllr Kenyon answered Cllr Michael's question and explained that the group were looking for similar support to that given to the Friends of Castle Green.

Cllr Rone spoke in favour of the events and for supporting the group.

Cllr Hey informed Members that the events are not contained to residents from just one area of the City but residents from a much wider area. Members also asked questions in relation to other funding streams accessed to support these events and support received from business' within the area.

There being no further questions Cllr Kenyon left the room.

Cllr Edwards informed Members how he had recently collated all the figures for a similar event and is fully aware of how much it costs to put on such an event and proposed awarding the funding requested. This was seconded by Cllr baker and it was unanimously

RESOLVED:

To award £3,000 in funding to support the delivery of the Picnic in the Park and Community Fireworks event as laid out in the grant application.

Cllr Kenyon returned to the room and took his seat back as Chair.

CD2016/2017.08 HEREFORD LIVE

Members received and consider a report with regard to a grant award not spent entirely in accordance with which it was awarded.

The Civic and Community Development Officer gave a brief over view of the current situation and subsequently received information following the resolution at the grants meeting on the 7 March 2016.

Cllr Stevens gave a brief over view of the group and proposed the City Council do not request the return of the funds that were not spent in accordance with the award and that a letter goes to group saying they need to be more efficient and effective as a group and in future if they apply for funding they must ensure it is spent in accordance with how it is awarded.

This was seconded Cllr Edwards who also suggested they contact HVOSS for training on best practice.

Cllr Rone informed Members he did not feel it was the City Council's

responsibility to give advice in relation to how a group conducts their practice. In this situation the City Council are looking at whether it is happy with the evidence of spend provided or if the group should be asked to return the surplus funds not spent in accordance with the award.

Cllr Rone proposed the group are ask to return the surplus funds.

Cllr Michael echoed what Cllr Rone had said and seconded his proposal.

Much discussion continued and covered the following points:

- The group are limping on at this stage.
- The money has been spent on advertising for the event although a third of it not specific to the advertising the funding was awarded for.
- The people running the group are all good people at heart and they are trying to do the best they can.
- Some of the advertising identified is questionable such as beer mats and carpet tiles.
- Concerns the group has no money and so will be unable to return the surplus funds.
- The cost of going through court to claim back the money should a request to return the funds reach that stage.
- The events that were delivered were all well received and added to Three Choirs week.
- View that on this occasion it would not be appropriate to chase.

Cllr Rone suggested a letter is sent in line with Cllr Stevens proposal and he withdrew his earlier proposal.

The proposal was put to the vote and it was unanimously

RESOLVED:

The City Council do not request the return of the funds that were not spent in accordance with the award and a letter be sent to the group saying they need to be more efficient and effective as a group and in future if they apply for funding they must ensure it is spent in accordance with how it is awarded.

CD2016/2017.09

GRANT COMPLETION FORMS.

Members received an oral report from the Civic and Community Development Officer on the following:

- **CLOSE HOUSE COMMUNITY GRANT COMPLETION FORM.**
- **GUILD OF GUIDES GRANT COMPLETION FORM.**

Cllr Kenyon reported on the Close House project and the great work that has been done.

The Civic and Community Development Officer reported that Guild of Guides award had spent in accordance with which it was awarded.

CD2016/2017.10

PARKS FACILITIES

Members received a report and recommendations from the Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk gave a brief over view of his report and recommendations.

The Town Clerk requested the committee adds the items contained within his report to the list of things that can be sought out of the ward budget.

Members discussed the information boards requested for the Quarry Park. Cllr Kenyon informed Members that these type of signs/boards are suitable for installation in any park in Hereford City.

Members discussed at some length how many parks and which ones should have the chair facilities identified in the report.

Cllr Stevens asked for a map of parks in the City of Hereford and asked if it was possible for the Civic and Community Development Officer to source maps of all the parks in Hereford City.

Cllr Edwards informed Members that he felt this would be a difficult request as the Parks and Countryside Department at Herefordshire Council is almost nonexistent now. Mrs White is about to retire leaving only Mr Grogan and one other left in the department. Cllr Edwards also asked Members to consider if the City Council is going to devolve into equipping parks how it will manage the equipment it has installed .

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously

RESOLVED:

That the Committee authorises the Town Clerk and Finance Officer to order three wooden sign boards for the Quarry from Pryor signs at the price quoted for Queenswood Country Park and that the expenditure of £2,538.66 be allocated to the Parks and Open Spaces budget.

That Members note the possibility of buying adaptive technology to enable swings to be converted for the use of people in wheelchairs and agrees to add these items to the list of those that can be approved from individual ward budgets on request by members to the Town Clerk.

CD2016/2017.11

HEREFORD CITY COMMUNITY ROAD SHOW

Members received an update on progress in relation to the purchase of a motorised road show vehicle and to note forthcoming dates for future events.

Town clerk gave a brief over view of the present situation in relation to the purchase of a motorized road show vehicle.

- **SATURDAY 11 JUNE 2016 - QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS –**
Belmont and Heywood Country Park. (Newton Farm Ward)

- **SATURDAY 9 JULY – COMMUNITY GAMES –** Grandstand Road Park
(Bobblstock Ward)

- **SATURDAY 23 JULY 2016 - PICNIC IN THE PARK –** Quarry Park
(Eign Hill Ward)

- **SATURDAY 30 JULY 2016 – COMMUNITY FUN DAY -** Westfaling Street
(St Nicholas Ward)

- **SATURDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2016 – COMMUNITY FIREWORKS EVENT**
– Quarry Park (Eign Hill Ward)

CD2016/2017.12

ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- **Identify park areas where the swing adapters could be installed.**
- **Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman.**

CD2016/2017.13

DATE OF NEXT MEETING –

Members noted the date of the next meeting is:

TUESDAY 14 JUNE 2016 – Routine Meeting – 6.15 pm

There being no other business the Chairman thanked Members for their support during his years as Chairman of the Community Development Committee and called the meeting to a close at 7.30pm.

Signed.....

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