

HEREFORD CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Hereford City Council Committee Room, Town Hall, Hereford
TUESDAY 01 MAY 2018 at 6 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Boulter (Chairman), Bushkes (Vice Chairman), Edwards, Hey, Kenyon, Lloyd-Hayes, Rone and Stevens

IN ATTENDANCE: Steve Kerry – Town Clerk; Tracy Morris – Deputy Town Clerk; Lesley Robinson – Administration, Finance & Information Officer

CD2018/2019.09 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Griffiths.

CD2018/2019.10 Appointment of Substitutes

None

CD2018/2019.11 Declarations of Interest

None

CD2018/2019.12 Minutes of Previous Meetings

Community Development Committee, 6th March 2018 and Community Development Committee (Grants), 12th April 2018.

On, Cllr Edwards pointed out some corrections required to the minutes of the meeting held on 6th March 2018 – Item .115, under the heading 'Queries', the figures shown as £16,000 and £8,000 **should be 16,000 and 8,000**. Item .122 – the figure shown as £800 for Tutor's fees **should be £2,000**.

With these corrections, it was proposed by Cllr Edwards, seconded by Cllr Lloyd-Hayes and unanimously

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Community Development Committee held on the 6th March, as corrected, and 12th April 2018 (Grants), be confirmed as an accurate record and signed accordingly by the Chairman.

CD2018/2019.13 Adoption of Telephone Kiosks

Members received the Town Clerk's previously circulated report and recommendation.

The Clerk updated members that following City Council's previous request, some time ago, to adopt four disused telephone kiosks to potentially house defibrillators, British Telecom had now got back to us with four approved phone kiosks and it was now for members to consider if we wanted to proceed.

Two of the phone kiosks were closely located and the Clerk raised the question of whether we would need two defibrillators in such close proximity. He also recalled some discussion at a past meeting about having a defibrillator on the roadshow vehicle,

however, had not found any reference in past minutes to this being discussed and agreed, so concluded that it may have been more a casual comment.

In discussion, members voiced their shared concerns that defibrillators housed in these phone boxes would be at risk of being vandalised or stolen. All four sites were near open ground and close to the river, which made members uncomfortable with money being spent on such expensive items costing around £2,000 each.

The Clerk mentioned that he could investigate if defibrillators have trackers built in and although it seemed they don't get stolen, he recognised that this was a possibility. Whilst guidance says that defibrillators are generally sited at train stations, leisure centres, airports etc, the idea for these phone box locations came from the defunct phone boxes in the city centre near to the Butter Market.

Cllr Stevens pointed out that one of the phone boxes in BT's email was shown with an incorrect name, i.e. Acacia Road, Hinton.

Cllr Edwards raised his concern with the phone box location at Waterfield Road, Newton Farm ward as this is being regularly vandalised and, being the modern stainless-steel type with no door on, is open to the street with no houses looking out onto it. He added that Belmont rural Parish Council had paid for a defibrillator about ten years ago and made it available through a community centre with a nurse overseeing it.

Members agreed that defibrillators need to be housed where they can be overseen, possibly in shops and community centres and ideally in locations open for long hours, e.g. Coop at Hinton, Tesco Express.

The Deputy Clerk recalled that Tupsley Whitehouse community centre had previously made a plea to have a defibrillator installed in the phone box near their location, however, this was not one of the four phone boxes highlighted on BT's list. Cllr Lloyd-Hayes added that something seemed to have gone wrong with BT's communication process in that there was a mistake in approving two phone box locations north of the city for housing defibrillators but, none anywhere else. Tupsley Whitehouse was definitely approved to keep its phone box, however, she stressed that a defibrillator would be better sited within the community centre and that she would like that to happen.

In response, the Clerk suggested that an amendment could be made to the recommendation for members to consider if they agree to a defibrillator being installed at Tupsley Whitehouse community centre.

Cllr Kenyon commented that two defibrillators are sited in the Tupsley area, which had been asked for by the community and this may be a better way forward, i.e. If the community requests a defibrillator and they can come up with suitable place to house one. Cllr Hey added that regular checks are done on these defibrillators by Luke Jordan, who is Heartstart trained.

Cllr Edwards then put forward a proposal that City Council replies to BT's email, informing them of a public request for the removal of the phone kiosk at Waterfield Road, Newton Farm, which is seriously damaged due to vandalism, had not been used for three years and he strongly urged that this be removed as soon as possible.

Cllr Boulter suggested not having a defibrillator sited at Tesco Express but, instead, funding installation of defibrillators at the Tupsley Whitehouse and on the roadshow vehicle.

The Clerk recapped that there were now three proposals on the table:

1. To reply to British Telecom requesting removal of the phonebox at Waterfield Road, Newton Farm.
2. To site a defibrillator at Tupsley Whitehouse Community Centre.
3. To site a defibrillator on the roadshow vehicle.

Cllr Kenyon stated he was happy to propose these and Cllr Bushkes seconded.

The Chairman asked members to vote on the three proposals as amendments to the Clerk's original recommendation. All were in favour and it was unanimously

RESOLVED:

1. **The Clerk writes to British Telecom to request removal of the vandalised phonebox located at Waterfield Road, Newton Farm.**
2. **Committee agrees that City Council funds a defibrillator for installation at Tupsley Whitehouse Community Centre.**
3. **Committee agrees that City Council funds a defibrillator for housing on the roadshow vehicle.**

CD2018/2019.14 Hereford Sculpture Trail Update

Members received a brief oral report from the Deputy Town Clerk on the sculpture trail public walk and cycle route, as follows:

- Garth Lawson had now completed both the walking and cycle trails and done sketches of maps and she would ask Connor Powell to produce a map we can utilise.
- John Marshall has been unable to take photographs due to pressure of work, however, a tutor from Hereford College of Arts (HCA) had indicated that their students would like to get involved with the photography and this would also help towards their course work. City Council had responded to HCA and one or two students would be doing the project – City Council should put forward a suggested donation of say £30 to help towards the students' costs for producing photos.

Members' questions and comments covered the following:

- Concern that the walking route goes across Bartonsham fields and could have issues with cattle/the farmer. Also potential for trouble if we produce maps for the route as may not be a public footpath.
- Suggest a simple change to the map to follow the Greenway.
- If no footpath signs are displayed then it is not a footpath.
- People have walked across that land over many years, including responsible dog walkers etc. A footpath sign was there and now been changed to a permissive path.
- Good to see Mappa Mundi Labyrinth is included in trail – Is it possible to also include John Venn and Coningsby Street museum in the trails, as brought up at previous meetings and minuted?
- When will the trails be ready? Three Choirs Festival would be a good opportunity to have the trails up and running.

The Deputy Town Clerk referred members to the route maps and confirmed the second map showed that the route followed the Greenway footpath and was correct. Cllr

Stevens advised members that he was having ongoing talks with Garth Lawson on this project and some tweaking was expected on the contents before the final proposal for the route is formally submitted and implemented, and agreed that he would sort this out with Garth.

Cllr Lloyd-Hayes suggested that City Council donates £50 to Hereford College of Arts, rather than £30, towards the photography costs.

The Chairman asked members for their thoughts on Cllr Lloyd-Hayes' proposal and all members agreed to a £50 donation from City Council to Hereford College of Arts, towards the photographic costs for the project.

CD2018/2019.15 Skate Park Update

The Deputy Town Clerk gave members a brief oral update on the sculptures and reported that the proposed plinths had been taken forward with Cemex, who were to donate the concrete free of charge, and there had been a site meeting at the Skate Park with Cllr Bushkes. Installation was due the second week of May and the designs had slightly changed incorporating cut-out features, with health & safety in mind, to protect young people. Cut-out elements would have mesh behind them to prevent litter from being put inside the sculptures.

Nicola Goodwin from BBC Hereford & Worcester was following the project, she was very keen and had also identified a sculpture to be re-sited at HARC in Rotherwas, at the end of its period at the Skate Park.

Members' questions and comments covered the following:

- The sculptures will change every six months, with input by Hereford College of Art students – one suggestion so far being, 'Yoda on a skateboard', in celebration of Frank Oz and his link to the city.
- The second plinth would be for local artists to display their work for a period of six months.
- Another sculpture would be done by Ghost Runners, via a former City Councillor who had set up a fund for this – Lots of ideas are coming through.

A detailed discussion followed about the property issues involving the Skate Park the Racecourse, Herefordshire Council and a strip of land which is differently delineated on different drawings. The drawings associated with the planning applications from the Skate Park appear to be correct and it is not clear why there is any delay in Herefordshire Council agreeing a long lease which would enable Wheeled Sports 4 Hereford to seek additional external funding. It was also noted that discussions are ongoing between the parties and the City Council is neither involved nor well-informed about these, nonetheless there is an ongoing concern that this matter should be resolved as quickly as possible in the wider community interest.

It was proposed by Cllr Lloyd-Hayes, seconded by Cllr Edwards and

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk drafts a letter regarding progress on this matter to Herefordshire Council and brings it to the next meeting for amendment or approval depending how this matter has progressed in the meantime.

CD2018/2019.16 ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

‘Graffiti Competition’ (suggested by Cllr Kenyon) – He referred to Zilla, a Graffiti person writing on lots of public areas, and suggested a competition for young people to create some graffiti mural designs around the city.

- Cllr Bushkes mentioned he had some outside space and wall space to offer for a potential graffiti competition.
 - Cllr Stevens added he had some fantastic pictures of graffiti artwork in Camden and would share photos with members.
 - Cllr Edwards remarked that South Wye area had some graffiti design walls in open spaces but, had been spoiled after only 2-3 days, having been painted over with offensive and negative graffiti.
- **Update on Disabled Wheelchair Swing** – To find out how the disabled wheelchair swing in the park is going. A member also requested if City Council could source a swing and roundabout for the play area off Holywell Gutter Lane, near to Martha Trust’s Sophie House.
 - **CCTV** – It had been decided that City Council is continuing to support this whilst looking to see if costs can be brought down and it was agreed that this would be done before the conclusion of the current two-year agreement.
 - **Christmas 2018**
 - **HALO Cycle Track** – Cllr Lloyd-Hayes expressed an interest in a site visit to see what progress was being made there. Cllr Kenyon responded that, at this stage, it was too soon for a site visit with nothing yet there to see.
 - **Community Group Achievement Awards** – The Deputy Town Clerk reported she has an idea to share on re-branding and moving forward in a slightly different format to make this event more effective and more community-active.

At the end of the discussion, the Clerk advised members that the next meeting of Community Development Committee, on Monday 4th June, was a Grants Applications meeting and, being the first meeting after Mayor-Making, it must include ‘Election of the Chairmanship’ as the first item on the agenda.

CD2018/2019.17 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

MONDAY 4 June 2018 – Grants Meeting – 10 am

TUESDAY 12 June 2018 – Routine Meeting – 6 pm

There was no further business and the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.05pm

Signed

Dated