

HEREFORD CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 02 APRIL 2019

PRESENT: Cllrs Bushkes, Butler, Edwards, Stevens and Tillett.

NOT PRESENT: Cllrs Lloyd-Hayes and Rone.

CD2019/20.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Members received apologies for absence from Cllrs Griffiths, Hey and Kenyon.

CD2019/20.02 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES

There were no appointments of substitute members.

CD2019/20.03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

CD2019/20.04 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Members received and confirmed the minutes of the meeting of the Community Development Committee held on the 05 March 2019. It was proposed by Cllr Edwards and unanimously

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of 05 March 2019 were agreed as an accurate record and be signed accordingly by the Chair.

CD2019/20.05 GRANT APPLICATION

CUP CERAMICS COMMUNITY CIC – WHEELCHAIR ACCESS

Request for £3,000.00

Members received a presentation from the Managing Director of CUP Ceramics in consideration of a grant application from the above and considered a resolution.

The presentation covered the following points:

- What is CUP Ceramics
- The unit they occupy
- Specialised space
- Community projects
- Crowdfunding achieved

- Government back loan
- £14,000 funding secured from local sources
- CIC Mission Statement
- Work with hard to reach groups
- St David's Pupil Referral Unit
- Courtyard Older Peoples Project
- Vision links
- Young people with mental health issues
- Bringing about change in the City
- Need for wheelchair access
- Sharing the present wheelchair accessible facilities with the yoga centre next door.
- This access will open up the facility to more people.

Questions and comments from Members covered the following:

- Applause for what CUP Ceramics have achieved to date
- Confirmation on length of lease
- Request to provide a copy to show evidence that the lease is 10yrs or more.
- Attendance at event at Courtyard
- Clarification re sharing of disabled toilet facility with the yoga centre and that sharing the facility will not impact on them.
- Excellent to see all these community groups growing on the estate and all working together to support each other.
- Stunning studio

There being no further questions or comments from Members the Chair thanked Mr Hamilton for his time and he left the room.

Cllr Edwards proposed the full grant request subject to proof of a 10yr (or more) lease agreement being received, this was seconded by Cllr Butler and unanimously

RESOLVED:

To award the full grant request of £3,000 subject to proof of a 10yr (or more) lease agreement being received.

CD2019/20.06 GRANT COMPLETION FORM

HEREFORDSHIRE TREE WARDEN NETWORK – CITY BRANCH

Grant awarded December 2016, £2,820. Cheque for underspend of £48.32 received 04/03/19. *Form available for Members to inspect in the office.*

Cllr Edwards confirmed he had read the submitted completion form and was happy with the Deputy Town Clerk's observations and that the grant had been spent in accordance with the award and that a cheque had been received for the underspend.

ROAD SAFETY & SPEED CONTROL

Members received a report from the Town Clerk regarding current road safety and speed control responsibilities and possible developments the City Council could consider.

The Town Clerk gave an overview of his report and reported that Council having agreed to increase the Street Scene budget for the new financial year any projects going forward could come from that budget and would justify the increase.

The Town Clerk clarified his recommendations to Members of the committee.

Members' considerations covered the following:

- These have all been considered in the past
- There are many 'cons' as opposed to 'pros' with the recommendations
- Looked at these 4 times since 2007
- Lack of support from BBLP and Herefordshire Council
- The above look at issues and report there is no problem and nothing happens
- Covered issues with chicanes and SIDs
- Imaginary narrowing of road improves issues but couldn't get Hfdshire Council to agree these in the past either
- Implementation of schemes is evidence based and if there is no evidence then BBLP and Hfdshire Council will not implement schemes
- Would like to see this reinvestigated
- The tax payers expect to have their money spent on ways to resolve issues in their areas
- Issues in Grandstand Road area, the Highways Authority (Hfdshire Council) are not prepared to implement any schemes. The only exception will be if the new housing development happens then they will consider implementing new schemes in the area to address some of the issues.
- Where there are issues if no accidents are recorded nothing gets done
- Community Speed Watch proving successful in the area
- Community Safety Partnership

The Town Clerk explained his recommendations again.

Cllr Edwards proposed he would like to see a 4.3 to the recommendations, which the City Council has agreed previously, the implementation of a City wide 20mph speed limit.

Members agreed with Cllr Edwards but felt it would not be enforced.

Cllr Edwards suggested that the City Council takes a positive approach and signs are installed that flash up a smiley face and a message thanking people for reducing their speed. Such schemes have proved successful in other places.

Cllr Edwards proposed 4.1 and 4.2 of the Town Clerk's recommendations with the inclusion of 4.3 as proposed above. This was seconded by Cllr Butler and unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED:

That it is desirable to build a list of traffic problem areas across the city with a view to negotiating the best response possible from the highway authority and the creation of a City Council funded programme of local improvements to supplement the highway authority's programme.

That it is timely to revisit the issue of acquiring or hiring a Speed Indicator Device to be deployed by BBLP under highway authority supervision to sites within the city where local concerns about speeding warrant it.

The implementation of a City wide 20mph speed limit.

CD2019/20.08

BLUE PLAQUE – FLIGHT LIEUTENANT JACK GRISMAN

Members received and consider a report from the Town Clerk regarding the proposal to commemorate Flt Lt Jack Grisman with a blue plaque.

The Town Clerk gave an overview of his report and recommendations.

Cllr Stevens proposed, seconded by Cllr Tillett and unanimously

RESOLVED:

That the Committee agrees that as the only local person to have been involved in the Great Escape from Stalag Luft III, and the subsequent illegal killing of prisoners by the Gestapo, it is appropriate for Flt Lt Jack Grisman to be commemorated with a blue plaque on or near his birth place in Hereford.

That the Clerk is authorised to issue the necessary purchase orders to a supplier and an installer to bring this project to fruition within a budget of £750-00.

That the project is completed in time for the unveiling to take place during Armed Forces Week in June 2019.

CD2019/20.09

SPRYTAR APP – LAUNCH & DEVELOPMENT

Members received and considered a report from the Deputy Town Clerk regarding the launch, marketing and promotion and development of the Sprytar app and trails as well as the criteria for inclusion. The report included proposals for future development of trails and quizzes. The staff who have been trained to deliver and develop the app and the launch which is aimed for half-term week to coincide with the May half term week. Members also gave some consideration to the criteria for amenities and places of interest to be included.

Members' considerations and comments covered the following:

- Impressed with the app and the benefit to the communities within the City and visitors alike.

- The initiation and development of this app is one of the best projects HCC has delivered on during this administration.
- Confirmation that any changes to amenities and places of interest can be kept up to date.
- The addition of another trail prior to the launch of the app in May.
- Consideration that trails are accessible to all.
- With regards to amenities and places of interest the criteria should be based on the basis that if HCC would support a grant from an organisation then it should be included on the app.
- Amenities such as the Courtyard and Halo should be included without doubt and fall under the above criteria as they would be considered for a grant.
- No, businesses should not be included.
- Details of opening times, exhibitions and facilities under places of interest would be covered by linking to the organisation's website, which would be the responsibility of the organisation to keep up to date and take the onus off HCC officers and mean officers would not need to be constantly updating their information.
- Consideration that with regards to the characters of the Pokémon style games, such as characters from the Mappa Mundi or relative to Hereford such as apples.
- It was confirmed more characters will become available as this platform on the app is developed by Sprytar.
- Members were encouraged to engage with and support officers with the development of future trails such as Cllr Stevens was with the sculpture trails.
- Inclusion of a trail at the Belmont and Heywood Country Park to ensure that all trails are not just City based. Newton Coppice Woods could be included also.
- Has anyone taken photos of the new sculpture at the skatepark for inclusion in the sculpture trail?

Cllr Tillett commended and thanked the Deputy Town Clerk for the excellent report. It contains detail, is concise, very informative and clear. The reports lays out a clear development plan for the future.

The Chair took each item for consideration separately and it was unanimously

RESOLVED

The development of interactive quizzes and the Pokemon style/sprite hunt game for the current trails is agreed.

The promotion and marketing campaign for the launch of the Sprytar app at the end of May is approved.

The development of new trails as identified in the report, and any new ones suggested is approved.

New trails will include quizzes and games to enhance the interactive experience.

The Blackfriars Rose Garden walking trail will be included on the app.

Other historical routes including the city walls, gates and castle and a tree trail are approved for development in due course.

Places of interest and amenities to be included providing they fulfil the criteria that they are operating as a not-for-profit organisation and would be eligible for a grant were they to apply for funding.

Amenities would be included provided they are a public building, in a public building or are operating as a not-for-profit organisation and would be eligible for a grant were they to apply for funding.

The Chair thanked the Deputy Town Clerk for her excellent work on delivering an extremely impressive project. He also acknowledged the support from other staff in continuing the development of this app in the future. This was endorsed by the entire Committee.

CD2019/20.10

CHARTER FOR TREES, WOODS AND PEOPLE

Members received and considered adopting the ten principles of the Tree Charter; a joint initiative between the National Association of Local Councils, Woodland Trust, National Union of Students and Tree Council.

The Deputy Clerk presented to Members the information with regards for the Tree Charter, the 10 principals, and covered some of the elements the Council already delivers on such as the tree warden scheme.

Members discussed the following points:

- The question was raised as to why this had not come to committee when the scheme was first launched.
- Yes, we should sign up to the charter and fulfil the elements the council are able to.
- Serious consideration should be given to the type and size of tree and the area before trees are planted.
- Links to guidance is included with regards to consideration of selecting the correct trees, ongoing maintenance and available grants.
- Inclusion of a tree planting policy in the Hereford Area Plan.
- The issues with the trees in Eign Gate was highlighted.
- Protection of veteran trees.
- Replacement of trees lost due to housing development.
- Development of a tree policy for inclusion in the Hereford Area Plan.

It was proposed by Councillor Bushkes, seconded by Councillor Edwards and unanimously

RESOLVED:

That the Council signs up to the Tree Charter and notes the need for inclusion of a tree policy as part of the Hereford Area Plan.

A Member asked for confirmation as to how the purchase of future trees would be covered.

It was clarified that such cost would be covered via the Communities in Bloom grant scheme, through the Street Scene budget or via other available sources of grant funding for the planting of trees.

CD2019/20.11 THREE CHOIRS FESTIVAL – ANNUAL REPORT

Members received and noted the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2018.

Members noted the festival had achieved a surplus of £31K, the sales of tickets.

Members commented on the justification for awarding tax payers' money for an event that will go ahead anyway with or without a grant award from the City Council.

Cllr Edwards proposed Members note the report which was unanimously agreed.

CD2019/20.12 ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Members noted the items for future meetings.

04 June Meeting

- **Ward Asset Register** – To receive and note the report from the Town Clerk (postponed from 22 January meeting)

Any other items for future meetings:

- Progress reports from item 6 on the agenda from 11 December 2018 (Community Led Plan key objectives)

CD2019/20.13 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS:

Members noted the meeting on the 8 April had been cancelled and the next meetings were:

MONDAY 03 JUNE 2019 – Grants Meeting – 10 am

TUESDAY 04 JUNE 2019 – Routine Meeting – 6 pm

Cllr Edwards formally thanked Hereford City Council for the huge amount of funding it had agreed to support the purchase and installation of the new boardwalk at the Belmont and Heywood Country Park.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 19.07 hrs.

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