

HEREFORD CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 04 JUNE 2019

PRESENT: Cllrs Boulter, Hey, Hornsey, Oliver, Powell, Stevens, Tillett and Tyler.

NOT PRESENT: None

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ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

It was proposed by Cllr Stevens that Cllr Kenyon be elected as Chair for the municipal year 2019/20, seconded by Cllr Boulter and unanimously

RESOLVED:

That Cllr Kenyon be elected as Chair for the municipal year 2019/20

It was proposed by Cllr Hornsey that Cllr Boulter be elected as Vice-Chair for the municipal year 2019/20, seconded by Cllr Tyler and unanimously

RESOLVED:

That Cllr Boulter be elected as Vice-Chair for the municipal year 2019/20

In the absence of Cllr Kenyon, Cllr Boulter chaired the remainder of the meeting.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Members received apologies for absence from Cllrs Foxton, Kenyon and Wilcox.

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APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES

The Deputy Town Clerk informed Members that Cllr Toynbee was appointed substitute Member for Cllr Foxton.

CD2019/20.17

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.

CD2019/20.18

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Members received and confirmed the minutes of the meeting of the Community Development Committee held on the 02 April 2019. It was proposed by Cllr Stevens, seconded by Cllr Tillett and voted on with 7 in favour and 1 abstention, and

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of 02 April 2019 were agreed as an accurate record and be signed accordingly by the Chair.

CD2019/20.19

GRANT APPLICATION

FRIENDS OF BLACKFRIARS ROSE GARDENS – REVIVING THE ROSE GARDENS

Request for £2,961.36

Members received a presentation from the Leader of Friends of Blackfriars Rose Gardens, Anne Harbour in consideration of a grant application from the above and considered a resolution. Anne thanked the committee for last year's grant and informed members that:

- the organisation planted an extra 12 beds at the end of 2018, achieved through donations from the Lions Club and friends and family.
- many of the new roses have come into bloom in the last couple of weeks
- they now have a total of 18 beds planted with 10 left to plant in November
- when they stripped back the vines along the boundary fence with St John's Ambulance, they discovered a row of roses had survived
- they are looking to erect a row of screening along the St John's boundary using local suppliers
- they would like to erect an information board, similar to that which you would see at a National Trust site, informing visitors about the plants, the history of the site and with a list of donors. The design and methodology of this would need to comply with Historic England's regulations.
- they would like to erect some small plaques displaying the names of the roses and who donated them
- they would like to replace the existing solid wood gate with a wrought iron gate. A competition is being run for students to design this new gate with judging taking place on 30 November by the sculptor Walenty Pytel, designer Pete Smith who designed the Cathedral gates and a member of Herefordshire Council.

Questions and comments from Members covered the following:

- Members commented on how pleased they are that the gardens are being restored
- A member asked about the receipts and payments – how was it allocated? Anne informed members that some of the money has been held in reserve for the gate.
- A member commented that it was a very big task pruning and de-heading all of the roses and Anne confirmed that the organisation were confident they could continue with these tasks.
- A Member suggested natural willow for the screening and asked if the organisation had asked for a donation towards the cost from St John's Ambulance, which Anne thought was a very good idea.

- Anne Harbour informed Members that the fence between the gardens and the school was wobbly and therefore a safety issue for the school, who have enquired about a replacement from the education authority.
- It was also noted that the gardens are now attracting lots of wildlife and birds, including two ducks!

There being no further questions or comments from members the Chair thanked Ms Harbour for her time and she left the room.

Cllr Stevens stated it was an urban oasis and proposed the full grant request, was awarded. Any surplus left from the grant could be spent on other areas of the project but prior permission for the spend of the surplus should be sought from the committee for approval first. This was seconded by Cllr Oliver and unanimously

RESOLVED:

To award the full grant request of £2,961.36.

Any surplus left from the grant could be spent on other areas of the project but prior permission for the spend of the surplus should be sought from the committee for approval first.

CD2019/20.20

SPRYTAR/LOVE EXPLORING APP

The Deputy Town Clerk informed members that there is a new launch date for the app to coincide with the beginning of the summer holidays and to give the organisation time to rebrand from Sprytar to Love Exploring. HCC are due to receive the new marketing and branding materials week beginning June 3rd.

The DTC informed members that the information for the Widemarsh Street Trail has been entered into the system but Sprytar haven't yet plotted it on the map as a trail. She also informed Members that her and Becci O'Reilly will be going to Belmont and Heywood Country Park to meet members of the Country Park Supporters to develop a trail in that location and that she has been in conversation with Friends of Castle Green regarding partnering with them on their plans to develop the Castle Green and a Great Places grant they are applying for with regards to developing the area, installation of information boards and interactive features and including this information on the Love Exploring app as a trail around the Castle Green and interactive games and quizzes.

The DTC said the aim is to utilise as much information as is already available through other groups and organisations to place as many trails on the app prior to the launch date, which also reduces officer time researching and developing new trails in the first instance. Then herself and Becci will work on producing new trails with Connor promoting the launch of the app and each new trail on the website and through social media and other forms.

Members commended the DTC on her development and progress with regards to developing the app and the ideas she's moving forward with and to Becci for all her support with inputting the information into the dashboard to enable this to happen.

YOUTH COUNCIL PROJECTS

The Deputy Town Clerk gave Members an overview of the aims and objectives the Youth Council are currently working on following consultations with other youth groups and through consultation at the Youth Conference. Members were informed as to how some of these aims and objectives have been fed into the work of the City Council where there is a common theme and the connections through herself that have enabled these aims to be fed into other organisations and service delivery partners. The DTC informed Members of the number of presentations the YC are receiving from outside bodies wishing to consult with them and also their form of engagement with other youth groups.

The DTC explained to Members that the YC had looked at various forms of identity promoting who they are and explained that they had agreed they would like to purchase hoodies to wear and so would like to spend some of their budget purchasing hoodies for the members at a total of £260 for 10 high quality hoodies from a local provider. The DTC confirmed the YC had received three quotes from different providers and their preferred and cheapest quote was from the local provider.

Members' considerations covered the following:

- Cllr Oliver questioned the point of the hoodies and the DTC explained that it will help to raise their profile and promote the Youth Council.
- Cllr Stevens agreed with the DTC's comments and thought it was a good idea.
- Cllr Boulter asked when the YC would wear them and questioned who in the City knows about them. The DTC explained that there are many occasions when they would wear them, they are widely known with groups and organisations throughout the City and other youth groups and that the whole purpose of the hoodies was to raise the profile of the YC and ensure more and more of the City's communities are aware of them.
- Cllr Powell explained to Members that hoodies were the in-things for young people to wear and he saw no issue with the request.
- Cllr Hey commented that they would need to be reminded that when they are wearing the hoodies they are representing the City and so would need to be careful to behave responsibly.
- Cllr Tyler commented that she thinks the YC are very valuable group and suggested they go out to other youth groups and the City's Community Hubs. It was explained that the YC do engage with other youth groups via the Youth Conference and other means but that they have not been to any of the community hubs and that this could be considered and in what form that would happen.

At this point Cllr Hey left the room and a vote was taken. It was proposed by Cllr Stevens, seconded by Cllr Powell and unanimously

RESOLVED:

To allow the Youth council to purchase branded hoodies to help promote them.

At this point Cllr Hey returned to the room.

COMMUNITY LED PLAN KEY OBJECTIVES

Members considered the key objectives and agreed an order of priority. Discussions to get to this point covered:

- Including traffic management issues and measures as a project, including speed reduction/traffic calming, parking (especially around schools), volume of traffic, rate runs, bus fares higher than cost of driving and parking, lack of school buses and electric buses.
- Combining the projects concerning Street Scene (6), night-time economy (7), greening-up the city (8) and the tourist experience (10) into one project. Comments and ideas included becoming a destination city, using wheeled planters and a pop-up piano.
- Reviving Herefordshire Council's consultation plans on cycle routes.
- Creating a 'Geofesera' (an educational conservation open space) in Belmont and Heywood Country Park and improving King George Playing Fields through ideas such as a waterpark, better grass cutting, open-air concerts and giant games.

Members concluded their discussions and it was unanimously

RESOLVED**Priority 1 – Not existing project: Traffic Management**

To include 'Traffic Management' as a project and to research the provision of traffic calming measures within the powers of the Parish Council for delivery, such as '20 is plenty' signs across the City, as well as the possibility of funding for electric buses.

Priority 2 – Projects 6, 7, 8 and 10: Improving the look and feel of the City for the day-time and night-time economies

To combine the above projects and developing the City as a Destination City.

Priority 3 – Project 2: Youth Facilities

Improved access to youth facilities and activities and the development of a programme of youth events within the City.

Priority 4 – Project 5: Cycle Routes

To research the possibility of reviving Herefordshire Council's consultation plans on cycle routes.

Priority 5 – Project 4: King George Playing Fields and Project 3: Belmont and Heywood Country Park

To investigate the requirements of a 'Geofesera' and ideas to improve the facilities at parks and open spaces.

SKATE PARK PLINTH

The DTC gave a brief update regarding the re-siting of the current skate park sculpture and the current stage of the new sculpture due to be installed. The date for the installation of the new sculpture is the 28 June. The DTC will be co-ordinating with Connor re a promotional campaign and submitting a volunteer request for BBLP to collect the new sculpture from the Hereford College of Arts and deliver it to the Skate Park and to collect and deliver the existing sculpture to HARC at Rotherwas where it is to be installed as a permanent feature.

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ANNUAL PROGRAMME OF TRAINING EVENTS FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

Members considered the report provided by the DTC regarding training for community groups as approved by the committee in 2016 requesting the approval of a budget to be included within the overall City Council budget to cover the ongoing delivery of these events.

Cllr Tyler, as the organiser of a voluntary group herself, feels the delivery of these training seminars for community/third sector organisations is invaluable.

There were some discussions around the cost and the possibility of reducing some of the training sessions to half a day, or to not provide lunch. Cllr Boulter suggested that participants should provide their own packed lunch as they would have to do if they were at work. The DTC explained that the figures in the report were worst case scenario and that often a half day can be run instead but that the participants are all volunteers, do a lot for the City and without these volunteers many of the projects within the City would not happen and as the Parish Council we should be supporting these groups. The volunteers give their time free of charge and the provision of refreshments is a small cost to the council in appreciating them for all they do.

Members asked questions about the Governance training; the length of this and cost of the specialist provider. The DTC explained that due to unforeseen circumstances a different provider had to be sourced but the cost difference was negligible and the quality not to the same standard. She also explained that there is a lot to fit into the session and that half a day wouldn't suffice.

Members voted and it was unanimously

RESOLVED:

To approve a budget of up to £1,000 for the Governance training but that they would like to see revised costs for the Volunteers Seminar, Inspiring Communities session and Community Group Achievement Awards.

CD2019/20.25

ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Members noted the items for future meetings.

Any other items for future meetings:

- **Ward Asset Register** – To receive and note the report from the Town Clerk (postponed from 22 January meeting)
- **Traffic Calming** – Research the provision of traffic calming measures within the powers of the Parish Council for delivery.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS:

Members noted that the next meetings were:

MONDAY 22 JULY 2019 – Grants Meeting – 10 am

TUESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2019 – Routine Meeting – 6 pm

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 20.20 hrs.

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