



COMMUNITY WELLBEING COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Committee meeting held on Thursday 18 March 2021 at 19.00hrs.

Meeting held with remote attendance

Present:

Chair: Councillor J Johns.

Committee Members: J Buczkowski, M Dale, G Guest, K Haslett, M Rowe.

In Attendance:

Councillors: C Snow

Officers: M. Weston (Deputy Town Clerk) and S. Reardon (Assistant Town Clerk)

Also Present: Volunteer Footpath Warden: N Savage

CW78. Chair's Announcements

The Chair may make announcements relevant to the work of the Committee.

Note: announcements are for information only and not for debate, discussion or questioning.

The Chair requested that Committee members start thinking about what the town can do to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen.

CW79. Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence from Councillors unable to attend the meeting.

There were no apologies for absence made.

CW80. Declarations of Interests

To receive any Declarations of Interest from Councillors and Officers in respect of matters to be considered at this meeting, together with an appropriate statement regarding the nature of the interest.

Councillors and Officers are reminded of the requirement to declare any interest, including the type of interest, and reason for that interest, either at this stage of the meeting or as soon as they become aware of that interest.

Councillor M Dale declared a personal interest in agenda item 10. as he is an allotment tenant.

CW81. Public Participation

To allow members of the public present at the meeting to raise matters which are relevant to the work of the committee; up to 3 minutes will be allowed for each person.

There were no members of the public present.

CW82. Election of Vice-Chair: To elect the Vice-Chair of the Community Wellbeing Committee.

Resolved that Councillor M. Dale be elected as Vice-Chair of the Community Wellbeing Committee.

CW83. Minutes:

To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 18th February 2021 as a correct record (Supporting Paper A to the agenda)

Resolved that with a small amendment concerning the type of interest declared by Councillor J Buczkowski (from prejudicial to personal), the minutes of the Community Wellbeing Committee held on 18 February 2021 were approved as a correct record.

CW84. Action List:

The Action List as applies to the Community Wellbeing Committee was received and reviewed. (Supporting Paper B to the Agenda)

Note: It was agreed that Action list item no. 1 - Chimney Stack, should be referred to Devon County Council's Building Regulations Department as the Committee are very concerned that this is a health & safety issue.

CW85. Financial Monitoring:

To receive and review information about the Community Wellbeing Committee income, expenditure and commitments, compared to the 2020/21 budget estimates.

Resolved that the financial reports were accepted as the true financial position of the Committee.

CW86. Public Rights of Way

An oral report was received from Cullompton's Volunteer Footpath Warden.

The information provided in the report included:

The Chimney Stack at the foot of Middle Mill Lane is looking to be in a worse condition after the winter 2020/21 than has been noted previously. North and Mid Devon Building Control are responsible for the monitoring and/or removal of this chimney stack although had failed to respond when the Footpath Warden made a report concerning its condition. It was suggested that the council try making the report.

It was further suggested that the current system of trying to obtain three quotes for required works to footpaths that the council is responsible for is becoming impossible to continue; those asked to quote are, in the majority of cases, not tasked with the work required and are now refusing to quote. He suggested having a preferred contractor list; this position is broadly supported by the Committee although a quote brought back to the Committee for approval will still be required.

CW87. Allotments:

Hayman's Close & Top Field Allotment Sites - Update:

The Top Field and Hayman's Close allotment field report was noted.

CW88. Youth Services Provision:

CW88 i) A report from the YMCA (Supporting Paper G to the agenda) was noted together with the current (2020-21) Service Level Agreement (Supporting Paper H to the agenda)

CW88 ii) Following consideration of the Recommendation from the Youth Services Working Group (Supporting Paper I to the agenda) that consideration is given by the Community Wellbeing Committee to approve the proposed:

i) Key Performance Indicators to be included in the Service Level Agreement (SLA) between the Town Council and the YMCA (Dulverton Group) for the provision of Youth Services for the 2021-22 financial year;

ii) Contingency Plan of the YMCA should there be a further regional/national lockdown/s due to Covid-19, or similar events, to be included in this SLA –

both of which are contained within the YMCA report (Supporting Paper G to the agenda)

- It was:

Resolved That the Community Wellbeing Committee adopt the Recommendation from the Youth Services Working Group to approve the

i) Key Performance Indicators to be included in the Service Level Agreement (SLA) between the Town Council and the YMCA (Dulverton Group) for the provision of Youth Services for the 2021-22 financial year;

ii) Contingency Plan of the YMCA should there be a further regional/national lockdown/s due to Covid-19, or similar events, to be included in this SLA

- both of which are contained within the YMCA report (Supporting Paper G to the agenda and as an addendum to these minutes)

CW89. To consider Members Questions: This agenda item is to give Councillors an opportunity to ask questions which are relevant to the work of the Committee.

i) Allotments: Proposed Siskin Chase allotments and those which will come forward in the North West Extension and Garden Village.

It was noted that the council had already resolved not to adopt the proposed allotments at Siskin Chase on the basis of cost.

ii) Cullompton's skate park: Confirmation required of the proposal for £5,000.00 to be placed in the budget to provide seating at this location.

This was confirmed and it was also noted that the Town Team are seeking to provide a youth shelter at that location.

The meeting closed at 7:45pm.

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