

Amenities, Leisure and Community Services
Thursday 16th June
The Trinity Centre
7pm

Present:

Cllrs Wood (Chairman), Griffin, Hatton, Mosson, K Ward, and Yip.

In Attendance:

Olive O'Sullivan – Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Jessica Johnson -Community Engagement Officer.

There were no members of the public or press present.

1 Election of Chairman

Resolved to appoint Cllr Wood as Chairman of the Amenities, Leisure and Community Services Committee.

2 Election of Deputy Chairman

Resolved to appoint Cllr K Ward as deputy Chairman of the Amenities, Leisure and Community Services Committee.

3 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Cummins and Scott.

Resolved accept the apologies.

4 Declarations of Interest

None

5 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Amenities, Leisure and Community Services Committee held on 10th March 2022 be signed as a true record of the meeting.

6 Matters Arising

The CEO reported that discussions between Friends of Wylde Green Train Station and Network Rail were still underway regarding the implementation of a metal sculpture of two butterflies and a flower at Wylde Green Train Station.

The CEO advised there wasn't any progress to report regarding the transfer of allotment sites and that she would also be raising at the 21 July Strategy and Resources Meeting. She added that a meeting with the Sutton Coldfield Allotment Associations was scheduled for Saturday 2nd July and that the draft management agreement had been provided to the Allotment Associations for discussion at that meeting. The Chairman commented that he was pleased to hear this meeting had been arranged and stressed the importance of the Town Council taking ownership of the Allotment Sites.

Resolved to note the matters arising.

7 Questions from Members

No questions were received.

8 Minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Partnership

The CEO reported that the work programme for the Health and Wellbeing Partnership was moving at pace and that the Town Council is working closely with the NHS North Locality Manager.

Falls and Frailty had been identified by the NHS North Locality as a priority for Sutton Coldfield with a key aim of preventing hospital admissions as a result of falls. The Community Engagement Officer has commenced discussions with local organisations that provide activities for older people such as Age Concern, Sutton Coldfield United Reformed Church and Ark Community Church, with a view to delivering advice and information on fall prevention as well as events and activities such as Extend Exercise Classes.

The CEO also reported that the Town Council is leading on an Asset Mapping Task and Finish Group. Work has commenced to bring together various sources of information on Advice and Information Services, Support Services, events and activities that support the health and well being of residents and is looking at how best to present this information in ways that are more easily accessible by residents. The development of an App is also being explored.

In response to a question from Cllr K Ward, the CEO replied that the Town Council is looking at best practice in other local Councils. The Community Engagement Officer is already working with members of the Youth Vision network to enable them to post their activities and events on the Town Council's Discover Sutton Coldfield website.

The Chairman thanked the Health and Wellbeing Partnership for their progress.

Cllr Yip asked what the timelines were. The Community Engagement Officer replied that this varied depending on the task, however she is currently speaking with possible host venues. The CEO added that both BCC Adult Social Care and Mental

Health Services were working with the Town Council on delivering the priorities of the Health and Well Being Partnership.

Resolved to note the minutes from the Health and Wellbeing Partnership meeting held in April 2022.

9 Minutes of the Royal Sutton Coldfield Dementia Friendly Communities Steering Group

Resolved to note the minutes from the Royal Sutton Coldfield Dementia Friendly Communities Steering Group Meetings in April 2022.

10 Dementia Action Week

The CEO thanked the Community Engagement Officer for her work on organising and delivering activities during Dementia Action Week.

The Community Engagement Officer reported that Dementia Action Week was an opportunity to raise awareness of dementia within the community. Activities during the week ranged from afternoon tea to music events in the town centre. She added that those who attended benefited from them and were keen to take part in more. She was also able to make connections with residents living with dementia and their loved ones and signpost to relevant services. She thanked those who hosted activities for their time and commitment.

Resolved to note the report on activities that took place during Dementia Action Week.

11 Community Grants

The Chairman encouraged Cllrs who had not yet responded to the Community Grants Survey to do so.

The CEO invited feedback from newly elected Councillors, particularly on the current policy, application process and the guidance information provided to applicants.

Committee considered the recommendations of the Community Grant Panel as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.

Organisation	Project	Amount	Recommendation of the Grants Panel
Sutton Coldfield Adventure Unit	Camping equipment	£8,976	Approval from the Devolved Grant Budget
St John's Church Walmley	Place of Welcome	£1,692.13	Approval from the Devolved Grant Budget
Streetly Tennis Club	LED Floodlights	£9,500	Approval from the Sport Engagement Budget
Minworth Junior and Infant School	Library Renovation	£2,142	Approval from the Devolved Grant Budget

Resolved to approve an allocation of £8,976 to the Sutton Coldfield Adventure Unit from the Devolved Grant Budget.

Resolved to approve an allocation of £1,692.13 to St John's Church Walmley from the Devolved Grant Budget.

Resolved to approve an allocation of £9,500 to the Streetly Tennis Club from the Sports Engagement budget.

Resolved to approve an allocation of £2,142 to Minworth Junior and Infant School from the Devolved Grant Budget.

Committee considered two applications for funding from the Central Grants Scheme as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report.

Organisation	Project	Amount	Recommendation of the Grants Panel
Walmley Tennis Club	Floodlights	£15,000	Approval from the Sports Engagement
Banners Gate Community Minibus Association	New Minibus	£19,390	Approval from the Devolved Grant Budget

Resolved to recommend to Full Council approval of £15,000 to Walmley Tennis Club from the Sports Engagement Budget.

Resolved to recommend to Full Council approval of £19,390 to Banners Gate Community Minibus from the Devolved Grant Budget.

12 Strategic Plan Progress Report

Resolved to note the progress on Strategic Plan priorities within the remit of the Amenities, Leisure and Community Services Committee.

13 Defibrillators

Cllr Griffin reported that he had spoken with the vicar at St George's Church who indicated that they would like a defibrillator installed outside their church hall. Whilst there is a defibrillator outside the Co-Operative, this is on the other side of the Kingsbury Road. He added that the vicar lived close to the church and would therefore be able to undertake regular visual inspections.

Resolved to approve to fund the installation of a new defibrillator at St George's Church.

14 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 13th September, 7pm, Trinity Centre.

The meeting ended at 19:36pm.

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