

Amenities, Leisure and Community Services
Thursday 22nd September
The Trinity Centre
7pm

Present:

Cllrs Wood (Chairman), Cummins Griffin, Hatton, Mosson 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.

15 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Scott and K Ward.

Resolved accept the apologies.

16 Declarations of Interest

None.

17 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Amenities, Leisure and Community Services Committee held on 16th June 2022 be signed as a true record of the meeting.

18 Matters Arising

The Community Engagement Officer updated committee on a Community Grant awarded to Friends of Wylde Green Train Station. She reported that the noticeboard was due to be installed by October. However, Network Rail had rejected the proposed butterfly sculpture as they felt it was potentially hazardous to be installed near a railway track.

The Community Engagement Officer will work with the group to see if an alternative location can be found.

The Chairman asked for an update regarding the transfer of allotments.

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) reported that she had not received any paperwork from Birmingham City Council setting out the arrangements for the Town Council to take responsibility for the Sutton Coldfield allotment sites from 1 October 2022.

The Chairman commented that the Town Council had made an official request regarding management of the allotments, which had taken longer than expected. He added the issues centre around rents being due to be taken by BCC on 1st October.

The CEO replied that the 2nd July meeting with Allotment Associations was positive and that Associations were happy with the draft management agreement. She added that costings from Fenton regarding the proposed Capital Programme had been received and an Allotments Sub-Committee meeting would be arranged in the near future to discuss the detail.

Cllr Mosson asked how many allotments there were in Sutton Coldfield. The Chairman replied that there are eleven sites within Sutton Coldfield and a total of just over 700 individual plots

Resolved to note the matters arising.

19 **Questions from Members**

The Chairman asked, "This winter many residents will be suffering due to the energy crisis, and it will affect the most vulnerable members of our Society. I ask, what can our Council do to help in the provision of Warm Places?"

The Community Engagement Officer replied that the Town Council work closely with numerous organisations operating from community venues across the town and map services and activities they provide, such as coffee mornings.

Officers will work with these organisations to see if their existing provision can be advertised as a warm space. Officers can also work with organisations to assess if there would be scope to increase the timings of activities or open it up to a wider audience.

This information can then be shared with residents, and officers will look at the most appropriate and effective way to do so.

There may be a place for the Town Council to support some of the activities and officers will work with them to identify where support may be most needed and report back to members.

The Chairman replied that due to the energy crisis many were choosing between heating and eating and that is the Town Council's role to help. He added that a Warm Spaces initiative will also help to combat loneliness.

Cllr Mosson added that the Coffee morning at Four Oaks Baptist Church was now open all through the week.

The CEO replied that work has already commenced with key local organisations to bring in health services and activities to their venues with a focus on activities such as extend classes for older people

Cllr Cummins agreed this was essential and reported that Ark Community Church run brilliant groups for residents to attend.

The Chairman replied that the Town Council could help bring groups together to share best practice.

Resolved for officers to work with community groups and organisation to collate information on and promote Warm Spaces across the town.

20 Minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Partnership

The Chairman commented that the minutes may be hard to understand and interpret due to their length and language.

The CEO replied that the detail in the Health and Wellbeing Partnership meeting minutes were important as they are being reported to the Integrated Care Board (ICB) and Good Hope Hospital Trust.

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

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

The Community Engagement Officer reported that she had submitted a draft application to the Alzheimer's Society for Dementia Friendly Community recognition. Feedback was positive with the group now needing to work on practical action such as Dementia Friendly signage.

Cllr Mosson commented that the Royal Dementia Friendly Communities Steering Group were a great group of people all working hard to achieve the goal of becoming a Dementia Friendly Community.

Cllr Cummins asked whether new members could become involved with the group.

The Community Engagement Officer replied that she would welcome any new attendees to the group and if anyone wanted to get involved to get in contact.

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

22 Community Grants

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
Wylde Green United Reformed Church	Older Person's Pop In	£3,000	Approval from the Devolved Grant Budget

Carers United	Carers United Support Activities	£3,625	Approval from the Devolved Grant Budget
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Resolved to approve a Community Grant of £3,000 to Wylde Green United Reformed Church from the Community Grant budget.

Resolved to approve a Community Grant of £3,625 to Carers United from the Community Grant budget.

23 **Bloom Update**

The Chairman commented that it was really great news that Sutton Coldfield had been awarded Gold in the Britain in Bloom awards. The Chairman wished to thank the Senior Projects Officer for her work on producing the portfolio and co-ordinating the project.

Cllr Cummins added that this was a great result and passed on her thanks to the Bloom Working Group for their work.

Resolved to note the Bloom Update report.

24 **Health and Wellbeing**

The Community Engagement Officer gave an update on the work of the Health and Wellbeing Partnership.

The Community Engagement Officer reported that the draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy arose from structural changes within the NHS, moving from Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG) to the Integrated Care Board (ICB). The Community Engagement Officer reported that the ICB have now taken on the functions of the CCG. Below the ICB sits the Integrated Care Partnership which devolves further to place and locality. The Town Council is currently working to see how and where their representation would be best placed.

The Town Council is represented on the North Locality Forum and is working closely with the North Locality Manager to build relationships with essential NHS services.

The strategy itself emulates the Birmingham Health and Wellbeing Board focusing on the three key life stages: Getting the Best Start in Life, Living, Working and Learning well and Ageing Well and Dying Well. The Partnership will work through the stages identifying the key priorities in each and assessing how they can be worked through.

The Community Engagement Officer reported that officers had been working on two task and finish groups.

The Town Council have convened meetings with organisations across Sutton Coldfield that collate information on support groups and organisations. Officers are working to create a webpage detailing websites of these organisations making them more easily accessible to residents and professionals for signposting.

The Town Council also convenes a meeting with organisations running community venues such as community centres and faith settings. Discussions centre around bringing health professionals out into the community through drop-in services. Officers have been working with services such as Occupational Therapists and Adult Social Care to bring them into local community venues.

The Community Engagement Officer reported that in March 2022, Birmingham became the first city in the UK to gain Compassionate City Status and in July 2022 the Town Council joined the Birmingham Compassionate Communities Network and are working to assess how to best support these efforts to benefit residents in Sutton Coldfield.

The Royal Sutton Coldfield Dementia Friendly Communities Steering Group have been meeting monthly since September 2021 and continue to work toward the application for the accreditation process.

The work of the partnership helps to support the draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

Cllr Cummins asked how best that information regarding drop in's can be shared with residents.

Cllr Hatton added that this was particularly important when considering those who may be housebound.

The Community Engagement Officer replied that officers will look into the most effective way to advertise the services and that we work closely with volunteers and staff who have been conducting home visits and engage with those who may be socially isolated.

Resolved to note the report and the update on the work of the Health and Wellbeing Partnership.

25 Use of Chief Executive Officers Delegated Powers

The CEO reported that in consultation with the Committee Chairman she had approved a grant of £10,000 to White Farm Allotment Association to resurface their

driveaway. The grant was approved to enable the work to take place without waiting for the next Community Grant deadline as the group had also received part funding for the project from Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust that had to be spent within a designated time .

Resolved to note the use of delegated powers as reported by the Chief Executive Officer.

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Wednesday 9th November, 7pm, Trinity Centre.

The meeting ended at 19:40 pm.

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Date