

Amenities, Leisure and Community Services
Wednesday 11th January
The Trinity Centre
7pm

Present:

Cllrs Griffin, Hatton, Mosson and Parkin.

In Attendance:

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

The CEO advised that apologies had been received from the Committee Chairman and Vice Chairman and invited nominations from those present for a councillor to chair the meeting.

Resolved that Cllr Mosson act as Chairman for the meeting.

42 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr Cummins, Yip, K Ward and Wood. The CEO advised that under item 4(v) of the Town Council Standing Orders, for this meeting Cllr Parkin would be substituting, with voting rights, for Cllr Wood.

Resolved accept the apologies.

43 Declarations of Interest

None.

44 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Amenities, Leisure and Community Services Committee held on 9th November 2022 be signed as a true record of the meeting.

45 Matters Arising

The Community Engagement Officer reported that she had met with the Pause Service Manager from Forward Thinking Birmingham to discuss their current provision which can be accessed by anyone with a Birmingham based GP. The service is provided by paid staff and volunteers who often deal with complex caseloads,

therefore in order to provide a pop up service in Sutton Coldfield, further discussions were required on funding and capacity. However, the Town Council could work with Pause to raise awareness of their service and help to signpost young people.

The Community Engagement Officer reported that she attended a Youth Vision meeting and discussed the establishment of a Youth Panel with the group. Jessica added that the idea was well received, and it was agreed that the voices of young people needed to be heard. Discussions also centred around how to engage young people and the best format to do so. The next steps are to assess what is already taking place to avoid duplication.

46 Questions from Members

None.

47 Minutes of the Dementia Friendly Communities Steering Group

Resolved to note the minutes from the Royal Sutton Coldfield Dementia Friendly Communities Steering Group Meeting held in November and December 2022.

48 Minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Partnership

Cllr Parkin asked whether youth services and clubs would feature on the Local Support Services Page on Discover Sutton Coldfield.

The Community Engagement Officer replied that the Local Support Service Page was for organisations that hold directories of local support services and that individual services are highlighted on the map section of the page.

Cllr Parkin asked if the link would be promoted.

The Community Engagement Officer replied that the link will be shared and promoted with residents and health professionals who work directly with residents.

The link was highlighted in the Town Council's Winter newsletter, and the Community Engagement Officer would be working with partner organisations involved to create a postcard that highlights the page, which can then be shared at community venues.

Resolved to note the minutes from the Health and Wellbeing Partnership held on 24th November 2022.

49 Minutes of the Allotment Sub Committee Meeting

Resolved to note the minutes from the Allotments Sub Committee held on 23rd November 2022.

50 Community Grants

Cllr Parkin commented that he thought the review process had been handled well and felt through the survey and workshops there had been lots of engagement with councillors that gave them an opportunity to share their views.

The CEO thanked the Community Engagement Officer for work on the Community Grants review.

Resolved to recommend to Full Council the approval of the recommendations of the Community Grant Scheme Review 2022.

Resolved to note the documentation for applicants.

51 Sutton Coldfield in Bloom 2022

Cllr Mosson commended the work of the Senior Projects Officer on the projects that contributed towards the Sutton in Bloom 2022.

Resolved to note the report.

52 Warm Spaces

The Community Engagement Officer reported the Town Council had so far supported the creation of four Warm Spaces across Sutton Coldfield; Chester Road Baptist Church, Wylde Green United Reformed Church, St Peter's Maney and a Coffee Morning at Falcon Lodge Community Hub. Jessica added that leaflets for the sessions had been created (physical and digital ones) which can be shared.

There are other Warm Spaces around Sutton Coldfield and the wider city, details of which can be found on the Birmingham Warm Welcome Map online.

Jessica added that funding had included: contribution to room rent, refreshments, activities and toiletries. The spaces have been running since December and officers are working with staff at the venues to evaluate need and challenges.

Jessica reported that whilst some sessions had been quieter, attendance was growing, and venues were beginning to see more residents attend. A representative of one of the churches commented that they are speaking with and supporting more of the local community, particularly those who live close by in the neighbouring roads who they had previously not interacted with.

The Community Engagement Officer added that she would encourage other venues who may be interested in running a warm space to make contact and that conversations with other venues were ongoing.

Cllr Parkin asked if funding for Warm Spaces would still be available after March.

The CEO replied that funding may be made available to continue to support the spaces. The Community Engagement Officer added that the warm spaces may become coffee mornings or Places of Welcome following the winter period.

Resolved to note the update on Warm Spaces.

53 **Defibrillators**

Cllr Parkin asked whether requests came direct from the venues or if they were put forward by councillor.

The Community Engagement Officer replied that some had been proposed by councillors but others had contacted the Town Council directly. Jessica added that at November's Amenities Leisure and Community Services meeting promotion of defibrillators was discussed and officers subsequently shared locations and the opportunity to host a defibrillator through the newsletter and on social media.

Cllr Parkin asked if there was an allocated budget for defibrillators.

The CEO replied that if there was need, the defibrillator budget could be reviewed to make provisions available. She added that the Town Council work closely with the defibrillator providers to assess suitable locations and ensure checks on equipment is routinely undertaken.

Cllr Mosson replied that there are other defibrillators within Sutton Coldfield that are privately funded.

The Community Engagement Officer added that whilst these are listed on the Town Council website, there is a disclaimer that the Town Council holds no responsibility for these.

Resolved to approve instillation of a new defibrillator at Minworth Sport and Social Club.

Resolved to approve instillation of a new defibrillator at Royal Sutton Coldfield Athletics Club.

Resolved to approve instillation of a new defibrillator at Newhall Allotments.

Resolved to approve instillation of a new defibrillator at Boldmere Sports and Social Club.

Resolved to approve instillation of a new defibrillator at Mercia Grange Care Home.

Resolved to approve instillation of a new defibrillator at Holy Trinity RC Church.

Resolved to approve instillation of a new defibrillator at Sutton Coldfield Sailing Club.

54 **Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 14th March, 7pm, Trinity Centre.

The meeting ended at 19:49pm.