

Amenities, Leisure and Community Services
Tuesday 13th June
The Trinity Centre
7pm

Present:

Cllrs Cummins, Griffin, Mosson, Wood and Yip.

In Attendance:

Olive O’Sullivan – Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Jessica Johnson – Project Manager Communities.

There was one member of the public present.

1 Election of Chairman

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

2 Election of Deputy Chairman

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

3 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr Pocock and Cllr 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 14th March 2023 be signed as a true record of the meeting.

6 Matters arising

None.

7 Questions from Members

None.

8 Dementia Friendly Communities Status 2023

The Project Manager Communities reported that The Royal Sutton Coldfield Dementia Friendly Community Steering Group is comprised of residents, members of local voluntary and community groups, care homes and the Town Council. The group had been working toward actions in 3 categories as laid out by the Alzheimer's Society. These actions include Dementia Friends Sessions, promotion of local support services and awareness of initiatives that support vulnerable adults.

In May 2023, during Dementia Action Week, Royal Sutton Coldfield was awarded Dementia Friendly Community Status 2023 by the Alzheimer's Society. The Town Council will continue to chair, and co-ordinate the group's efforts and the group will continue to work to help improve the lives of those in the town living with dementia and their families.

The CEO expressed her thanks to Jess and all on the steering group for their hard work in achieving the accreditation.

Cllrs Mosson commented that she had learned a lot from being part of the group and now felt comfortable to signpost to local support services. Cllrs Mosson added that the work the group conducts with schools was very valuable and that the young people were very receptive.

The Chairman asked how the Town Council could engage with the West Midlands Fire Safe and Well service.

The Project Manager Communities replied that she had contacted the Partnerships Team at West Midlands Police and had conversations about how best to signpost residents to the service. The initiative has been promoted on the Town Council's Social Media pages.

Resolved to note the report.

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 held in April 2023.

10 Minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Partnership

The Project Manager Communities reported that the Health and Wellbeing Partnership Meetings were well attended with representatives from a variety of statutory organisations such as Birmingham City Council Public Health and Birmingham Community Healthcare Trust present. Representatives of local voluntary, community and faith organisations also attended meetings.

In conjunction with the NHS Integrated Care Board, the Town Council had agreed Falls and Frailty as the key health priority for Sutton Coldfield.

The Project Manager for Communities added the Town Council will be hosting a Falls and Frailty event on Thursday 13th July that brings together health professionals as well as the voluntary sector to assess what actions could be taken to help reduce the risk and number of falls.

The CEO added that allied health professionals who are involved in the work of the Health and Well Being Partnership, such as occupational therapists and district nursing teams would be invited to the event. The Partnership had worked hard to make connections with key decisions makers within the health sector as well as those 'on the ground' who have built relationships with older adults through the services they offer. The CEO reported that the event would enable work to commence on an action plan detailing activities that can be carried out locally to reduce falls and frailty with the ultimate aim of decreasing hospital admissions.

Through connections on the Partnership, the Town Council had received verbal agreement that Sutton Coldfield would be considered as a locality in which to pilot Falls and Frailty projects and activities. This is due to the high older adult population but also the strong voluntary, community and faith sector in Sutton Coldfield currently delivering services for older people.

Cllr K Ward asked whether possible trip hazards were reported to the Town Ranger Service.

The CEO replied that planning has commenced for the autumn leaf clearance adding that any Councillors who see hazardous locations to report them to the town ranger email address.

Resolved to note the minutes from the Health and Wellbeing Partnership held on 23rd March 2023.

Resolved to note the minutes from the Health and Wellbeing Partnership held on 18th May 2023.

Cllr Yip left the meeting at 19:13.

11 Community Grants

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

Organisation	Project	Amount
39 th Sutton Coldfield Brownies	Resources And Badges	£950
Walmley Internal Bowling Club	Running Costs	£900
You're Cherished	Parent and Volunteer Support	£18,188.86

Cllr K Ward commented that it was good to see applications for smaller amounts of money as this funding can go a long way within smaller organisations and have real impact.

Cllr Cummins asked how the community grant scheme is advertised to local groups and organisations.

The Project Manager Communities replied that a press release was recently published following the review of the Community Grant Scheme. The scheme is also highlighted in the Town Council's printed and e-newsletters. The Project Manager, Communities added that if groups would like further information regarding the scheme to contact officers.

Resolved to approve the recommendations of the ward councillors.

Resolved to recommend to Full Council that £18,188.86 is awarded to You're Cherished.

12 Strategic Plan Update

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

13 Coronation Grants and Volunteer Campaign

The Project Manager Communities reported that in celebration of King Charles III Coronation the Town Council set up a dedicated grant scheme, 'The Big Help Out'. A

sum of £500 was available for voluntary and community organisations to apply for funding for events that raised awareness of volunteering. A total of 8 grants were awarded. Organisations funded conducted activities such as little picks and clean up/decorating days at their venues.

Alongside this the Town Council ran a social media campaign #CelebratingSuttonColdfieldVolunteers which, leading up to the coronation, highlighted local groups and the importance of their volunteers.

The Project Manager Communities added that postcards advertising Discover Sutton Coldfield were printed and distributed to local community venues across Sutton Coldfield. A QR code on the postcard takes residents directly to the site where they can find information on local community groups and volunteer opportunities. In addition, a page, 'Local Support Services', had been added to the website. This page provides links to local and national organisations that provide support, services and activities, that can benefit residents of Sutton Coldfield. It is a tool that can be used by residents or by professionals to signpost their service users.

Resolved to note the update.

14 Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 12th September 7pm, Trinity Centre.

The meeting ended at 19:27pm.