

Amenities, Leisure and Community Services
Tuesday 14th March
The Trinity Centre
7pm

Present:

Cllrs Cummins, Griffin, Hatton, Mosson, Wood and Yip.

In Attendance:

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

55 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllrs Scott and K Ward.

Resolved accept the apologies.

56 Declarations of Interest

None.

57 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Amenities, Leisure and Community Services Committee held on 11th January 2023 be signed as a true record of the meeting.

58 Matters Arising

The Community Engagement Officer reported that she had met with the National Operation Manager and the Strategic Partnership Manager from The Childrens Society to discuss the Pause service. Pause is an emotional health and wellbeing service for children and young adults to the age of 25. The meeting was to discuss the possibility of the service being delivered in Sutton Coldfield and ideally from a location in the town centre.

Further discussions will be taking place to assess costs and potential funding as well as a suitable location.

Cllr Hatton asked if any possible venues had been identified.

The Community Engagement Officer replied that the service had previously been based in the Sutton Coldfield Fire Station. However, further discussions and options would need to be assessed. As the service is available for a wide ranging age group the venue should be accessible to a range of users.

Cllr Cummins asked when the service may be able to begin operating from Sutton Coldfield.

The Community Engagement Officer replied that whilst conversations were positive, they were still in the early stages.

59 Questions from Members

None.

60 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 January 2023.

61 Minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Partnership

Resolved to note the minutes from the Health and Wellbeing Partnership held on 26th January 2022.

62 Community Grants

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

Organisation	Project	Budget	Amount
Acacia	Towards annual running costs	Community Grant Budget	£10,000
Sutton Coldfield Arts Society	Sutton Coldfield Arts Trail 2023	Community Grant Budget	£1,000
Cancer Support Centre	Towards annual running costs	Community Grant Budget	£10,000
KIDS	Sensory and wellbeing room	Community Grant Budget	£3,600
Four Oaks Cricket Club	New wicket roller	Community Grant Budget	£10,000

Ark Community Church	All nations community support group for families and young children	Community Grant Budget	£4,500
Friends of Hill Hook	Conservation work	Community Grant Budget	£1,950

Resolved to approve a Community Grant of £10,000 to Acacia from the Community Grant budget.

Resolved to approve a Community Grant of £1,000 to Sutton Coldfield Arts Society from the Community Grant budget.

Resolved to approve a Community Grant of £10,000 to Cancer Support Centre from the Community Grant budget.

Resolved to approve a Community Grant of £3,600 to KIDS from the Community Grant budget.

Resolved to approve a Community Grant of £10,000 to Four Oaks Cricket Club from the Community Grant budget.

Resolved to approve a Community Grant of £4,500 to Ark Community Church from the Community Grant budget.

Resolved to approve a Community Grant of £1,950 to Friends of Hill Hook from the Community Grant budget.

63 Defibrillators and Bleed Kits

The CEO reported that the Town Council had funded 19 defibrillators across the town at a range of community venues including churches, community halls and sports clubs adding that the 'managed solution' purchased from the Community Heartbeat Trust worked well. The managed solution requires a signed agreement between the provider of the defibrillator, i.e., the Community Heartbeat Trust, and the host venue. The host venue takes responsibility for conducting weekly visual checks to make sure there is no damage to the equipment etc. The checks are then recorded on the Community Heartbeat Trust's database which alerts the Community Heartbeat Trust, to any problems with the equipment and if it needs replacing. This arrangement places responsibility for the defibrillator with the Community Heartbeat Trust.

The CEO advised that a request had been received for Committee to fund public access bleed control kits. The CEO reported that the Town Council had contributed towards the cost of bleed kits at three locations in Sutton Coldfield. It funded both the cost of the cabinet and its installation at one location and the installation costs in

the other two locations. In each of these cases the cost of the bleed kit equipment (i.e. dressings, tourniquets, protective gloves etc.) was met by local funding raising.

The CEO reported that there is an annual Town Council budget of £10,000 allocated to the Town Council's Sutton Heartbeat project. This budget can support the installation of three new defibrillators per annum.

In September 2021, Committee resolved to approach schools to see if they would be interested in hosting a defibrillator. In order to fund the additional defibrillators in schools, in September 2022 Strategy and Resources Committee approved an additional £20,000 to the earmarked reserve for Sutton Heartbeat. This financial year Committee has approved 10 new locations for defibs. A further £27,500 was therefore allocated to the earmarked reserve to finance the high number of requests approved.

The CEO advised that the total spend to date from the Sutton Heartbeat budget, including commitments for new defibrillators approved by Committee, is £75,000.

The CEO reported that there are currently two new defibrillator locations to consider. Fairfax School could be honoured as part of the initiative to engage with local schools. The second location is Walmley Bowling Club, based at Boldmere St Michael's Football Club with the nearest defibrillator 500m away. The Town Council have been notified by the Community Heartbeat Trust that they have a partnership with Bowls UK in which bowling clubs are able to purchase a defibrillator for a discounted price.

The CEO added that committee previously approved a defibrillator to be installed at Minworth Sports and Social Club, however this will not be progressed at the request of the venue.

With the current budget, there are enough funds to honour the defibrillators Committee have approved. However, due to 'on costs' for defibrillators, such as replacement batteries and pads, Committee would not be able to fund further defibrillators from 2027-28.

Moving forward there are parameters Committee could consider when assessing requests such as age of population, social deprivation and activity taking place at the venue.

Cllr Cummins asked whether the Town Council know how many times the defibrillators are used.

The CEO replied that the Town Council are notified when they have been deployed.

Cllr Mosson commented that the defibrillator management and installation was done well and it was good to see the school take up. Additionally, it makes residents feel safe if there is a defibrillator close.

In relation to the request for funding for bleed kits a number of questions were raised around ownership, liability and whether or not the kits are mapped and linked to the Emergency Ambulance Services.

Cllr Hatton commented that it would be helpful to assess where bleed kits may be needed, for example if there was a particular hotspot near bars and restaurants and asked if there was a bleed kit at various locations in the town centre.

The CEO advised that West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner had funded 15 bleed kits in Sutton Coldfield, including the town centre locations referred to by Cllr Hatton which are identified on an online map on their website.

Cllr Mosson added that bleed kits would be helpful to those in hospitality.

Committee requested further information on bleed kits in order to consider the request for funding.

Resolved to note the report.

Resolved to approve installation of a new defibrillator at Fairfax School from the Sutton Heartbeat budget.

Resolved for officers to have further discussions with Walmley Bowling Club to find an appropriate location and to progress under the Chief Executive Officer's delegated powers.

64 Town Council Summer Florals 2023

Cllr Yip asked if the Town Council had to contract Birmingham City Council to deliver the floral scheme.

The CEO replied there had previously been an issue with stress testing the lamp columns for hanging baskets and the need to use contractors on the BCC framework for this and the installation of baskets. The Town Council could look at going out to tender for next year's scheme.

Cllr Yip asked about the sustainability of the planting.

Cllr Mosson replied that the Town Council conduct a Plant Giveaway at Vesey Gardens in the Spring/Summer where plants are recycled by community groups and residents.

The CEO replied that sustainability and biodiversity is high on the Britain in Bloom criteria.

Cllr Cummins asked if there would be a colour scheme for the florals scheme in honour of the Coronation.

The Chairman replied there wouldn't be a dedicated colour scheme however, the willow crown sculptures previously commissioned for the Platinum Jubilee will be placed around the town.

Resolved to recommend to Full Council continuation of the 2023 summer floral scheme, with the amendments as outlined in section 4, be funded from the Floral Displays budget.

Resolved to recommend to Full Council that Birmingham City Council (BCC) and its contractors are commissioned to deliver the works under the Town Council's Financial Regulation 11.3.

65 Sutton Coldfield Sea Cadets

The Chairman commented that the proposals were big but worthwhile and that the Sea Cadets are an old and well supported organisation. The Chairman added that the Sutton Coldfield Sea Cadets were oversubscribed and supporting the project, doubling the capacity, would be positive for the towns young people.

Cllr Hatton commented that the Sutton Coldfield Sea Cadets were a staple of Sutton Coldfield and an inspiration and support for young people.

The CEO added that the Commanding Officer would be invited to a Full Council meeting to deliver a presentation to Cllrs on the proposals.

Resolved to recommend to Full Council that £50,000 is awarded to the Sutton Coldfield Sea Cadets towards the development costs of a new building for The Unit.

Resolved to recommend to Full Council that an allocation of £50,000 is transferred from the General Reserves to Community Grants to fund the contribution.

66 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 13th June, 7pm, Trinity Centre.

The meeting ended at 20:07pm.