

Amenities, Leisure and Community Services
Tuesday 12th September
The Trinity Centre
7pm

Present:

Cllrs Griffin, Mosson, Scott, Wood and Yip.

In Attendance:

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

15 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr Cummins and Cllr Pocock.

Resolved accept the apologies.

16 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Wood declared a non-pecuniary interest as a plot holder at The Boulevard allotments.

17 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Amenities, Leisure and Community Services Committee held on 13th June be signed as a true record of the meeting.

18 Matters arising

The Project Manager Communities reported that she would be attending the Alzheimer's Society Memory Walk in Sutton Park on Saturday 16th September as a representative of the Royal Sutton Coldfield Dementia Friendly Communities Steering Group. The Town Council achieved Dementia Friendly Community Status 2023 in Dementia Action Week in May. The event will be an opportunity to share information with residents on the support services available to them locally.

19 Questions from Members

None.

20 Health and Wellbeing Activities

The Project Manager Communities reported that in July, the Town Council hosted an event bringing together health professionals as well as members of voluntary and community organisations.

The aims of the day were to identify immediate practical actions to reduce the risk of falls and frailty as well as inform longer term health planning by creating a space for networking and sharing of knowledge with the hope of increasing integration between services and sectors. It also aimed to identify gaps and possible future opportunities and collaborations that the Town Council may be able to facilitate.

Attendees included allied health professionals from Birmingham Community Healthcare (BCHC) Falls Prevention Team such as occupational therapists and physiotherapists, Birmingham City Council (BCC) representatives from Public Health and Adult Social Care and representatives of voluntary and community groups such as Age Concern and Parkinsons UK as well as local faith groups.

The event was delivered in the World Café Style format, in which attendees were split into four tables and asked to discuss four key topics :-

1. Reducing the onset of frailty amongst residents.
2. Improving the wellbeing of the already frail.
3. Managing the risk of falls.
4. Enhancing care in the community for those recovering from a fall.

Responses collated from the feedback discussions will be turned into an action plan. Preliminary findings from the responses identified four themes from the workshop responses:

1. The need for a follow up community focused event.
2. The need for greater clinical co-ordination.
3. Proposals for Sutton Coldfield to become a pilot with Birmingham and Solihull Integrated Care System (BSol ICS) for falls prevention work.
4. The need for awareness raising to further promote the support and activities available locally.

The Project Manager Communities reported that the first theme identified had already been progressed and a community event is scheduled for Tuesday 17th October at the Town Hall. Residents are invited to attend to meet with health professionals and receive advice on preventing falls as well as hearing from representatives of local community groups on the support and activities available to help people be less isolated, more active and to stay independent. The event is aimed at older adults, and those who support them, e.g. family members and carers.

The CEO reported that the Health and Wellbeing Partnership is pushing for Sutton Coldfield to be a pilot locality for the BSol ICS around falls prevention.

Over 200 contributions on the day had been captured and shared with BSol ICS, BCHC, and BCC Public Health in order to feed into their clinical priorities and to encourage both organisations to take ownership of the actions that are relevant to them.

Cllr Wood commented that July event sounded powerful and informative and asked how the October community event would be promoted to residents.

The Project Manager Communities replied that posters and leaflets would be placed in 20 local venues across Sutton Coldfield. Leaflets would also be distributed to community groups that support older adults as well as health professionals, such as occupational therapists and district nurses, to share directly with patients. Information will also be shared on the Town Council's social media page and website and with community groups for wider distribution.

Cllr Yip commented that this sounded like a good event and recalled experiences in childhood of not understanding why older relatives may have been falling.

The Project Manager Communities added that she was working with a representative from Birmingham Community Healthcare Charity on a school's project that delivers training to young people on how to prevent falls and how to communicate this with older adults in their lives.

Cllr Yip replied that it was powerful for young people to understand the challenges faced by those around them.

Cllr Wood asked how the Town Council could raise awareness of the Town Council's work in this area.

The CEO replied that the work on falls and frailty would have a dedicated slot in the next Town Council printed newsletter.

Resolved to note the update on an event in July 2023 and the proposed follow up event in October.

Resolved to approve a sum of £3,000 from the Health and Wellbeing budget to fund a falls and frailty event in October 2023.

21 Community Grants

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

Organisation	Project	Amount
Boldmere Futures CIC	Christmas Festival 2023	£10,000
Deanery CE Primary School	Ship (Outdoor play and learning area)	£9,995
Friends of Wylde Green Train Station	Bee Project	£2,053

Mubu Music	Live in the Lodge	£10,000
Sutton Coldfield Baptist Church	Foodbank	£4,000
Sutton Coldfield Rugby Club	Lifelong Injury Mitigation Programme	£5,000

Resolved to approve a Community Grant of £10,000 to Boldmere Futures CIC from the Community Grant Budget.

Resolved to approve a Community Grant of £9,995 to Deanery CE Primary School from the Community Grant Budget.

Resolved to approve a Community Grant of £2,053 to Friends of Wylde Green Train Station from the Community Grant Budget.

Resolved to approve a Community Grant of £10,000 to Mubu Music from the Community Grant Budget.

Resolved to approve a Community Grant of £4,000 to Sutton Coldfield Baptist Church from the Community Grant Budget.

Resolved to approve a Community Grant of £5,000 to Sutton Coldfield Rugby Club from the Community Grant Budget.

Organisation	Project	Amount
Jericho Foundation	Project SkillShift	£15,883
Sutton Coldfield United Reformed Church	Community and Volunteer Support Worker	£20,000

Resolved to recommend to Full Council approval of a Community Grant of £15,883 to Jericho Foundation from the Community Grant Budget

Resolved to recommend to Full Council approval of a Community Grant of £20,000 to Sutton Coldfield United Reformed Church from the Community Grant Budget.

Organisation	Project	Amount
Salus Fatigue	Supporting Fatigue	£10,000
UTX Academy	UTX Sutton Coldfield Community Outreach	£20,000
YMCA Sutton Coldfield	Release Mini's – Schools	£20,000

Resolved to recommend to Full Council that Community Grants to Salus Fatigue, UTX Academy and YMCA Sutton Coldfield are declined.

Resolved to recommend to Full Council that a conditional pledge of funding of £20,000 be approved for Sutton Coldfield Football Club towards the work to resurface the driveway at the shared entrance to the club on Coleshill Road. This funding would only be released once the Football Club secures the balance of funding required for the works, and appropriate tender arrangements are in place for the works to be procured.

22 **Festive Lights**

The CEO reported that there had been some challenges around the implementation of LED trees, but this was still being explored for 2024.

Cllr Wood asked, given the current financial situation, would Birmingham City Council (BCC) still be able to install the festive lights this year.

Cllr Scott replied that if the cost has already been agreed, then this will be honoured. However, no further financial commitment could be made for subsequent years.

The CEO commented that this may also be the case for the procurement of the Town Council's floral scheme which is provided and maintained by BCC.

Cllr Scott replied that any future spending requests are reviewed by BCC's Section 104 Officer.

Resolved to recommend to Full Council approval of the festive light scheme at a cost of £79,915 for the Town Centre and local centres 2023 and that the scheme be funded from the festive lights annual budget.

Resolved to recommend to Full Council that Birmingham City Council is commissioned to install the lighting features and Christmas trees under section 11.3 of the Town Council's Financial Regulations.

23 **Allotment Sub-Committee Minutes**

Cllr Wood commented that the eviction and appeals process was clear and concise.

Recommend to Full Council that the Allotment Eviction and Appeals Policy and Procedure be adopted.

Recommend to Full Council that the revised Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council Allotment Management Agreement and Rules are adopted.

24 **Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 21st November 7pm, Trinity Centre.

The meeting ended at 19:33pm.

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