

Amenities, Leisure and Community Services

Tuesday 14th July 2026

The Trinity Centre

18:30pm

Present:

Cllrs Clarke, Fieldhouse, Horrocks, Hunt, Yip and Wood.

In Attendance:

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

One member of the public was present.

1 Election of Chairman

Resolved that Cllr Horrocks be elected as Chairman of the Amenities, Leisure and Community Services Committee.

2 Election of Deputy Chairman

Resolved that Cllr Wood be elected as Deputy Chairman of the Amenities, Leisure and Community Services Committee.

3 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr Pawson and Cllr Sam Ward.

Resolved to accept the apologies.

4 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Wood declared a non-pecuniary interest as an allotment plot holder at the Boulevard Allotments.

Cllr Clarke declared a non-pecuniary interest as an allotment plot holder at Falcon Lodge Allotments and Chairman of Falcon Lodge Allotment Association.

5 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Amenities, Leisure and Community Services Committee held on 10th March 2026 be signed as a true record of the meeting.

6 Matters arising

The CEO provided an update on It's Your Neighbourhood (IYN) Grants.

IYN Grants, of up to £250, were made available for local voluntary, community and faith groups to support their entry into the Royal Horticultural Society's It's Your Neighbourhood category of the National In Bloom campaign.

Eight organisations were awarded grants, totalling £1,901. These organisations are Age Connects West Midlands, Friends of King George V, Friends of Sutton Coldfield Train Station, Friends of Wylde Green Train Station, Friends of Newhall Mill, Our Place Support, Square Peg and Walmley Residents Association.

Organisations funded have received a Conditions of Grant Aid that stipulates they must register with the IYN, provide updates and reports as requested and attend the Sutton Coldfield IYN Group.

The Chair commented that it was important for the Town Council to receive updates on the projects to understand the impact of the funding.

The CEO reported that the community work to protect and enhance the local environment and the connections made via the IYN network, could form the basis of a future Town entry in the Britain in Bloom campaign.

7 Questions from Members

None.

8 Community Grants

Committee considered the recommendations of the Community Grant Panel.

Resolved to approve a Community Grant of £7,000 to Grow Family Services from the Community Grant Budget.

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

Resolved to recommend to Full Council approval of a Community Grant of £14,440 to Boldmere St Michaels Football Club from the Community Grant Budget.

Resolved to recommend to Full Council approval of a Community Grant of £20,000 to the Cancer Support Centre from the Community Grant Budget.

Resolved to recommend to Full Council approval of a Community Grant of £19,997 to Our Place Support from the Community Grant Budget.

Resolved to recommend to Full Council approval of a Community Grant of £20,000 to St James Church from the Community Grant Budget.

Resolved to recommend to Full Council an application from Boldmere Futures CIC be declined.

Resolved to recommend to Full Council an application from BSL Silver CIC be declined.

Resolved to recommend to Full Council an application from The Gap be declined.

Resolved to recommend to Full Council an application from Successful Ageing CIC be declined.

9 Fairer Futures Fund Healthy Ageing Project Update

The CEO reported that the Town Council had been working to develop the Healthy Ageing Project for a number of years, working closely with NHS partners from Good Hope Hospital, the Sutton Coldfield Group Practice and the Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.

The Town Council was the lead applicant for NHS Fairer Futures Funding for the Healthy Ageing project and was awarded £236,850. Whilst the fund was launched by the Birmingham and Solihull Integrated Care System, Birmingham City Council (BCC) is the administrative and accountable body for the fund and therefore the funding agreement for the project is between BCC and the Town Council.

The Town Council has subsequently issued a condition of grant aid to Good Hope Hospital, for staffing costs, the purchase of the GaitSmart Licence and equipment and Community Appointment Days. Two senior staff members from Good Hope Hospital will lead on the co-ordination within NHS settings.

Steady on Your Feet is an online resource and self-assessment tool that can be used by residents or with support from family, friends or carers to complete. The assessment looks at potential falls hazards and provides a personalised action plan.

GaitSmart uses sensors placed on limbs that measures an individual's gait and assess' risk of falling, providing a personalised exercise plan.

Community Appointment Days, included in the project plan, bring together a range of health professionals in a community setting. Patients on various falls waiting lists receive an appointment and can see all of the relevant health professionals separately at one appointment, meaning they avoid lengthy delays to see clinicians from General Practice, hospital outpatient department, e.g. physiotherapists, occupational therapists, dieticians and podiatrists.

The CEO added that there was a small portion of funding available for home safety and adaptations and that the Town Council would be working with health and the voluntary sector to see how best to utilise the funding assigned for this element of the project.

Cllr Wood asked if the Town Council had a managing or co-ordinating role.

The CEO replied that the Town Council had worked up the proposal via the Sutton Coldfield Falls Steering Group, however the project needed to be NHS led to ensure it was embedded into their pathways and systems.

The Chair commented that the Town Council had brought further investment into the town for residents, and the Healthy Ageing project was important given the demographics of the town.

Resolved to note the report.

10 Sutton Coldfield Youth Panel

Resolved to note the progress of the Youth Panel since its establishment.

Resolved to recommend to Full Council Cllrs Fieldhouse, Sam Ward and Yip are nominated to support and champion the work of the Sutton Coldfield Youth Panel.

11 Date of Next Meeting

Members discussed moving the start time of Committee meetings from 6:30pm to 6pm. Going forward, Committee meetings will now be held at 6pm.

Resolved to note the next meeting be rescheduled from Tuesday 8th September 2026 to Thursday 10th September 2026, starting at 6pm.

The meeting ended at 19:07 pm

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Date