

## COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD AT 6PM IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF THE TOWN COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE ROOM WITHIN THE GUILDHALL, NORTHAMPTON on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

**PRESENT:** Councillors Birch (Chair), Holland-Delamere (Deputy Chair), Marriott, Lane, Hibbert, Soan, Hallam and Fuchshuber

**OFFICERS:** Mr S Carter (Town Clerk), Mrs J Thorneycroft (Assistant Town Clerk) and Miss F Barford (Democratic Services Officer)

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were submitted by Councillor G Eales.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were submitted. Stephen Hibbert

### 3. TO AUTHORISE THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD AND ASK QUESTIONS AS TO THE PROGRESS OF ANY ITEMS

**AGREED:** The Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023 as a true and accurate record.

### 4. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES FROM THE GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12TH APRIL 2023 FOR CONSIDERATION AND THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS

a) The minutes of the Grants Sub-Committee held on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023 were approved and adopted.

b) The minutes of the Grants Sub-Committee held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023 were approved and adopted.

The Chair explained the Climate Change Grants would be reviewed and discussed by the Grants Sub-Committee in accordance to the Grants Policy. In response to a question, the Chair explained the Chair of the Environmental Services Committee would attend the Grants Sub-Committee meeting.

### 5. CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

As per the report the Assistant Town Clerk advised any councillors interested in partaking in the Big Help Out Event on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May to contact Mrs Hannam-Jones (Event and Project Officer) for further information.

A Councillor expressed the photography costs could be mitigated by requesting organisations to submit and provide their own photographs. The Assistant Town Clerk explained the idea of having a photographer would be to build on the excitement of the event in the lead up to the Coronation, the mini project will be called "Northampton Prepares".

**NOTED**

### 6. EVENTS AND PROJECTS UPDATE

The Chair explained the report and outlined all up and coming events including the Bands in the Park programme, it was highlighted that this year three of the bands had been sponsored by the Abington Park Café.

A Councillor commented the art work for the St George's Day trail looked great. A Councillor explained events would take place around the Courtyard and there would be a parade around the town with St George and the Dragon.

**NOTED**

### 7. WALL GAMES PROJECT

In response to a question posed by a Councillor, the Chair explained the hoardings on St. Peter's Way were only ever a temporary solution as last year West Northamptonshire Council agreed the use of the hoardings but had

explained they were due to be removed imminently. A Councillor raised they felt the Wall Games event last year had become too large to be properly managed and some of artwork within the project no longer aligned with the themes/ethos of the Town Council.

Following a full discussion, it was **recommended** to put any funding for the Wall Games project on hold for the time being and therefore no budget will be put aside to support the project this year. There will be an option to revisit this project again next year if they wish.

**NOTED**

#### **9. BLEED KITS PROJECT**

The Chair explained that locations had been sourced however, some locations were awaiting approval. A Councillor suggested that a cabinet may be better suited for the Boothville area or the Lumbertubs pub.

In response to a question, Councillor Soan suggested that himself and Councillor Holland-Delamere meet with the Events and Project Officers to review the installation of the bleed kit cabinets and delegate to Off the Streets to find hosts for the bleed kits.

**RECOMMENDED:** A follow up meeting to be organised, members of the Bleed kit Working Party to be invited.

**NOTED**

#### **10. CONSIDERATION OF THE BRADLAUGH RIOT EXHIBITION PROJECT**

A Councillor stated they believe the installation was not appropriate for the Town and encouraging backlash against Police and establishment when we meant encourage community harmonisation. A Councillor stated within the report it itemized £500 for the organiser to speak on the Bradlaugh Riot.

**NOTED**

#### **11. COVID 19 MEMORIAL INSTALLATION AT BECKETS PARK**

The Chair explained a meeting had been held with Cultural Compact who suggested someone who specialises in public art oversees the memorials implementation and that Arts Council funding could be sourced. The Town Clerk expressed from the meeting with Cultural Impact, he understood that the representative was conveying the design required a public art expert to finesse the design and engage the community along the process. A Councillor stated that someone experienced in public art would be beneficial to ensure the installation would be completed to a high standard. A Councillor stated that public art requires broad understanding from everyone who attends it.

#### **12. THE CULTURAL COMPACT PARTNERSHIP**

The Chair expressed that the Cultural Compact Partnership hoped to promote culture and it was deemed Northampton Town Councils involvement would be beneficial.

#### **13. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

No discussion was held under this agenda item.

**MEETING CONCLUDED: 19:26**

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Cllr. K Holland-Delamere  
Deputy Chair of the Community Services Co...