

Community Project Committee

Minutes of meeting of the Community Projects held on Wednesday 24th February 2016 at 6.00pm at Grosvenor House, Grosvenor Road, Whittlesey.

Present: Cllr Garratt, Whitwell, Mrs Mayor, Mason & Wicks

Officer in Attendance: Mrs S Evans – Town Clerk

Recording: DS2500.

CP05/16 - To receive apologies from absent Members.

There are no apologies.

CP06/16 - To confirm and sign the Minutes from the last meeting of the Project Committee of 27th January 2016.

Ratified: The Minutes were approved.

CP07/16 – Agenda Items for discussion

Allotment Inspection Update

Cllr Mrs Mayor, Mason & Wicks had carried out an audit of some outstanding complaints, plus checking the marking up of the half allotments. They will visit the site again and take a further look at all the allotments that had been flagged as being not cultivated as per the allotment agreement. Cllr Mrs Mayor advised that they had looked at locations at the allotments for the siting of the new notice board and decided it would be discussed at the Allotment AGM on the 17th February. Cllr Mrs Mayor had also asked the Chairman to contact the Community Payback team to tidy either side of the gate, the Community Payback team have been to site, however not all the work has been undertaken as well as expected, Cllr Garratt will speak to the payback supervisor tomorrow and give further instructions.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to update members on a request from the tenants of number 74, who had requested additional time to clear the end of their allotment near the Lattersey Tree boundary into a condition that could be handed back to the council for reallocation; they would be keeping the other part as their half allotment. Members discussed the request and agreed they could have until the 18th March to complete a work however; they would be required to keep the Clerk updated of their progress.

Allotment Waiting List

The Clerk advised there are currently eight people on the waiting list and two spare allotments that she will be allocating out in the next couple of days.

Allotment AGM update

Cllr Mrs Mayor and Cllr Garratt attended the Annual General Meeting, in addition to the 35 people that attended, as some of these were partners, effectively there were about 18 allotment holders present. The allotment holders advised that they had become despondent as the society has become political and they really wanted the society to run smoothly. Cllr Garratt advised that the current chairperson had mentioned about just having an executive committee who would do the day-to-day business. The majority of people at the meeting want it to continue, however none of the existing committee do not wish to stand again. They are having an extra ordinary meeting in

March to take this further. Cllr Mrs Mayor offered to produce the letter advertising the AGM, however one member was totally against this and didn't want the council to be involved. The secretary of the allotment society offered to do this, however due to data protection laws would be unable to send the letters out as the Town Council have the addresses, finally it was agreed that the secretary would produce the letter and envelope them up and the Clerk post them. To date the Clerk had not received the letter and was asked to chase this up.

The Clerk suggested to members that the current contract be changed to a one-page document, but a handbook produced to accompany this. Members would like to pursue this further

Update on Tenders

The Clerk advised that as of today's date one tender has been received the closing date is the 29th February. The Clerk to email everyone and advise the closing date.

Update on the Music Festivals on the Market Place.

The Chairman advised members that the Clerk had booked St John Ambulance for all three events and confirmation had been received.

The Licensing Officer at Fenland advised Cllr Mrs Mayor that she would be sending an email to the Town Clerk inviting the Cllrs to the next SAG meeting, which will in March. Cllr Garratt will speak to David Oliver at FDC Full Council on 25th February 2016 to chase this invitation. Cllr Mason advised he had recently been quoted by FDC for an event on Good Friday on the Buttercross, this is not connected to the Music Events, but Cllr Mason advised he is concerned that WTC will be charged for the Music Events, which is another cost that we had not built into the budget. Cllr Garratt and Mason to speak about this to David Oliver.

Members discussed the refuse bins for the event, it was agreed that Cllr Wicks would obtain six bins for the event; the Clerk advised she already had a pile of sacks from FDC for the event.

Grit Bins

The Clerk advised members that she had received a quote from CCC for the supply and fill of new grit bins, the cost was £95.00 plus VAT for each bin. Cllr Wicks advised he was working on the project and would report at the next meeting.

Tour of Cambridgeshire

Cllr Whitwell advised that as of the today's date the majority of responses were in favour. There were some against the event and these had made comment either on the document or via email. The figures so far were 521 consultations received, 379 were in favour, 142 against as a percentage this was 72% to 27% in favour, and Cllr Whitwell advised that nine people had voted twice, these votes had been discounted. The consultation ends on 28th February 2015.

Update on the Bower

The Chairman confirmed that he was happy with the outcome of the meeting between the three organisations responsible for the Bower, Cllr Mrs Windle via the Clerk had advised that her only concern was Middle Level, it had been this particular organisation that had not completed the work in 2015 and had let the banks in a poor state. The Chairman advised he is on the Middle Level Committee and would monitor this situation for the council.

Citizen of the Year

The Clerk advised she had received very few nominations but until the closing date would not know if they were for Young Citizen or Citizen. The Clerk advised she would chase the schools again via email; Cllr Wicks is going to speak to Coates to chase them. The Clerk advised the committee for the selection of the Citizen and Young Citizen still needed to be chosen, the Chairman asked for this to be deferred to the Full Council Meeting.

Update on Hanging Baskets

The Clerk advised that the hanging baskets had still not been delivered back to Grosvenor House and she would chase them.

Bunting between

The Clerk advised that Fenland Electrical had been contacted and a request made that the bunting was required to be in place during w/c 6th June and would remain in place until after the last festival. Cllr Mrs Mayor advised that the hanging baskets would be going up around the same time; however, the Showman's Guild had still not confirmed if the fair would be on the Market Place on this weekend, members discussed this and agreed that the hanging baskets could be put up after the fair had left on the Sunday.

Cllr Garratt advised members that this item was not on the agenda but he would like to thank Cllr Wicks for organising the trip to Must Farm.

CP08/16 Date of next meeting – 23rd March 2016

Meeting Closed: 7.20.

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Cllr Steve Garratt
Chairman