

WHITTLESEY TOWN COUNCIL – Community Projects Committee

Minutes of the Community Projects Meeting held on Wednesday 7th September 2022 at 6.00 pm at Peel House, 8 Queen Street, Whittlesey, PE7 1AY.

Present: Cllr Mockett, Whitwell, Mrs Mayor, Gerstner, Mrs Windle (Cllr Nawaz)

Officer in Attendance: Sue Piergianni – Town Clerk & RFO

CP51/2022. To receive apologies for absence from members.

Cllr Munns (work), no apologies were received from Cllr Davies.

CP52/2022. To confirm and sign minutes from the last meeting of the Community Projects Committee held on Wednesday 3rd August 2022

Ratified: The Minutes of the meeting were approved and signed as a true record.

CP53/2022. To receive members' declarations of disclosable pecuniary, non-disclosable pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in relation to any agenda item.

There were no declarations.

CP54/2022. Public Forum. - To allow members of the public to address the Council. Time Allowed 15 mins total.

Three members of the public were present.

CP55/2022. Continental Market progress report – Cllr Haq Nawaz.

Cllr Nawaz advised the event was due to take place in November 2022, the current position is to move the location to Grosvenor Road car park as this will be easier and there will be less items to circumvent. Cllr Nawaz has emailed the suppliers and one of the company representatives will visit on 7th October to determine the viability. If this is suitable, it will be a winter market in February. There is also another option for a reduced market on the square.

Cllr Gerstner suggested it may be possible to join this onto the Christmas Extravaganza. Cllr Mrs Mayor advised High Causeway would not be a possibility due to the cost of road closures and vehicles loading and unloading. Cllr Mrs Windle advised the marketplace may not be suitable due to the access for the two restaurants and residents. Cllr Nawaz advised the company would leave access for the residents and businesses. Cllr Nawaz will wait for the survey.

CP56/2022. Agenda items for discussion.

1. Allotment Update

- a. Wating list update – The Clerk advised the waiting list stands at 28, one allotment is being allocated at the end of September where someone is handing theirs back. This would leave twenty-seven on the list.
- b. Allotment Inspection – Cllr Mockett to organise with Cllr Whitwell a date for the inspection at the end of September.

2. Hanging Baskets removal – Cllr Mrs Mayor advised the baskets will be coming down over the weekend. The contractor will empty and bring the baskets to the office for a full inspection of their current condition. Cllr Mrs Mayor advised there are two brackets on the front of The Pizza House, as this premise is up for sale and a planning application has been submitted, when the

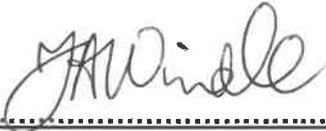


baskets are removed could the contractor also remove the brackets as Whittlesey Town Council own them. The Clerk will ask the contractor to action this request.

3. Hanging Baskets – Tenders and new baskets –. Cllr Mockett suggested businesses be approached to see if they wish to sponsor a hanging basket he has discussed with Cllr Mason in brief and agreed that further discussions are needed. The Chair will speak with the Clerk and bring back to the next meeting,
4. Citizen of the Year – 2022/23 – Cllr Mockett advised members that Cllr Mrs Mayor and the Clerk would lead on this. The letters / email will go out in December with an end date in February
5. Platinum Wood update – Cllr Gerstner has 4450 pledged from the public, 3950 has been collected, still outstanding one member of the public and £500.00 from WTC. The total figure in the pot will be 4450.00, 2614.80 cost for trees, (estimate), 500.00 allowed for wildflower meadow. Support from J Dale allocated £1000.000 from the budget. Initial planting will be ninety trees, then the additional fifteen fruit trees which will be planted later. There will be some further maintenance as not all trees will take. Signage will be between £500.00 – £1000.00 for the full site. Cllr Gerstner envisages the total project £6440.00; we have raised £4450.00 from donations; the shortfall is approximately 2,000. Therefore, the budget will be underspent of 2500.00. Cllr Mrs Mayor suggested a second interpretation board just listing all the donators names, however Cllr Gerstner advised many people have contributed want to their own plaque at the tree.

CP57/2022 Date of next meeting: Wednesday 2nd November 2022

Meeting Closed: 18:50



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Cllr Jason Mockett
Chairman
Community Projects Committee

