

WHITTLESEY TOWN COUNCIL – Community Projects Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 2nd November 2022 at 6pm at Peel House, 8 Queen Street, Whittlesey, PE7 1AY

Present: Cllr Mrs Windle, Mrs Mayor, Munns, Whitwell, Gerstner

Officer in Attendance: Mrs Sue Piergianni – Town Clerk & RFO

Recording: The recording is made as an aide memoir for the Clerk

CP58/2022. To receive apologies for absence from members.

Cllr Mockett (Work)

CP59/2022. To confirm and sign minutes from the last meeting of the Community Projects Committee held on Wednesday 7th September 2022

Ratified: The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

Cllr Mrs Windle advised that following Cllr Nawaz update at the Full Council on the continental market, where he mentioned it could be a 3-day festival, Cllr Mrs Windle confirmed that after consultation with members of the Whittlesey Festival Steering Group she was advised that the continental market was used several years ago, with the conclusion being, it was too expensive, also the festival is only one day and not three days therefore they would not be interested in this, members agreed that Cllr Nawaz be advised this not be pursued at this time.

CP60/2022. To receive members' declarations of disclosable pecuniary, non-disclosable pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in relation to any agenda item.

There were no declarations of interest.

CP61/2022. Public Forum. - To allow members of the public to address the Council. Time Allowed 15 mins total.

There was one member of the public present.

CP62/2022. Agenda items for discussion.

1. Allotment Update
 - a. Waiting list update – The Clerk advised members there was thirty people on the waiting list and not free allotments
 - b. Allotment Inspection – The Clerk advised an inspection had been carried out in the previous week by Cllr Whitwell and Munns, 16 allotments were flagged as being poor, some of these had been poor on the previous inspections, The Clerk advised she will email them to ascertain if they wish to continue with the allotment, If no responses are received she will start the eviction process. Cllr Mrs Mayor and Whitwell will conduct another inspection at 9.am on 6th December 2022.
2. Kings Coronation – Cllr Mrs Mayor advised the Kings coronation is Saturday 6th May 2023, there will be no hanging baskets or in bloom planters as they do not arrive until early June. Cllr Mrs Mayor suggested a memento for the children, she also suggested we showcase the town centre, with bunting. The Clerk was asked to put this item on the Full Council agenda.
3. Stage Stairs Christmas Extravaganza – Cllr Mrs Mayor has been approached by the Christmas Extravaganza committee asking if they can borrow the town council steps. Proposed Cllr Mrs Mayor, seconded Whitwell unanimous in favour. Cllr Mrs Mayor also advised the Extravaganza would like to use the council office as emergency centre.

4. Platinum Wood update – Cllr Gerstner advised one sponsor has not come to fruition, but a new one has taken this spot. Tree planting will happen between end November and middle of December, Cllr Dorling is conducting the liaison as Cllr Gerstner will not be available. Cllr Munns asked if sponsors could pick their own trees and could they plant them. Cllr Gerstner advised that they could not pick a species of trees, but they may be able to plant the their own trees from the ones supplied by the contractor, they could not just plant trees they had brought from home or purchased. Cllr Gerstner will speak to Fenland to see if they would be happy to help with the two interpretation boards, one showing all the sponsors and one showing the reasoning behind Jubilee Wood.

CP63/2022 Date of next meeting: Wednesday 7th December 2022 at 6pm.

Meeting Closed: 18.48



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Cllr Mrs Julie Windle
Chairman
Community Projects Committee

