

WHITTLESEY TOWN COUNCIL — Community Projects Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 1st February 2023 at 6.00pm at Peel House,
8 Queen Street, Whittlesey, PE7 1AY

Present: Cllr Mockett, Whitwell, Davies, Munns, Mason

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

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

CP07/2023. To receive apologies for absence from members.

Cllr Mrs Mayor, Mrs Windle & Cllr Gerstner (personal)

CP08/2023. To confirm and sign minutes from the last meeting of the Community Projects Committee held on Wednesday 11th January 2023.

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

CP09/2023. To receive members' declarations of disclosable pecuniary, non-disclosable pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in relation to any agenda item.

There were no declarations.

CP10/2023. Public Forum. - To allow members of the public to address the Council. Time Allowed 15 mins total.

Cllr Dorling gave an update on the QEII Platinum Wood advising the 105 trees are still in place with no evidence of vandalism. The group would like to put some wildflower seeds in an area where the trees are planted, there is a cost, and it would be for the council to decide if they wish to move forward with this. Residents are keeping an eye on the and it is being well looked after by volunteers. The attenuation pond is overgrown, but according to knowledgeable councillors this is fine. The existing trees on the site have been pruned so they are better condition.

The King's Coronation is clearly a three day event, he has undertaken some research and advised that the Monday and is essentially 'The big help out', where any event could be used to try and attract people to the voluntary organisations within the area.

CP11/2023. Agenda items for discussion.

1. Allotment Update

- a. Waiting list update – The Clerk advised there are thirty-two on the waiting list, she has recently allocated two out, but there are more people joining the list quicker than she can allocate them.
- b. Allotment Inspection – Cllr Mockett advised in the absence of Cllr Mrs Mayor, could the Clerk send an email to the committee asking for volunteers to conduct an inspection.
- c. Allotment letters – The Clerk advised a response has been received from all but two of the people she has written to. Cllr Whitwell suggested that the two be visited or delivered a letter by hand requesting they contact the office to advise of their intentions with the allotment.

2. Music Events 2023 – Cllr Whitwell advised that St Johns Ambulance have confirmed all dates.

3. Hanging Basket Watering – As the contractor is unable to water the baskets this due to personal reasons, WTC have advertised on social media for a contractor for this year but to no avail. Members suggested an advert be placed in the magazines inviting people to request information on this project. The Clerk to check the deadlines with each magazine.

4. Duck Race 2023 – The duck count will be done on the 12th of February 2023 between 110 – 12., Cllr Mockett asked the Clerk to email all councillors requesting some assistance.
5. Kings Coronation - Cllr Mockett confirmed the bands have been booked and the running order agreed, the Whittlesey Charity has granted permission to use North Green. The Manor still need to give their permission, and if we can use the function if the weather is inclement. Cllr Mockett is working on the SAG for both locations.

Cllr Mason advised three events have been booked via More Muzic Events and are as follows,

- Saturday 6th May 2023 - The Ragdolls at a cost of £1200.00, with a local support artist £250.00. More
- Sunday 7th 2023 - Puremagic Queen Tribute band £1700.00, local band support 250.00, More Muzic Radio will both the Saturday and Sunday event at a cost of £600.00 total.

Monday 8th May – Peterborough big band will play at St Andrews Church at a cost of £1000.00.

Total cost of all three events is 5k, council budget is 10K, SIA stewards' area available at a cost of £15.00 per person, per hours. The committee will discuss these later.

Cllr Mason met with Marvin Symes – Symes Consulting regarding applying for national lottery funding to additional items for the events, memorabilia for the children will not meet the criteria, however, the funding may be used for additional stewards at both events and first aid. The committee did discuss entertainment / rides / performers at a cost of £4500.00, possibly food vouchers at Coates.

Mr Colin Wilson from the Falcon will be approached regarding his food and outside bar for the Manor. for mugs or memorabilia for the children would not meet their criteria. He has produced other items 3 stewards at Coates and six at the Manor plus first aiders at a cost of 1350.

The total funding applied for from the National Lottery is £8850.00, members will discuss further the unspent 5K from Whittlesey Town Council as they will need to hire toilet facilities and possible other items for both events.

Cllr Mockett proposed that we ask Mr Symes to submit the grant paperwork, voting was as follows: 4 in favour, one against.

CP12/2023 Date of next meeting: Wednesday 1st March 2023

Meeting Closed: 18:52



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Cllr Jason Mockett
Chairman
Community Projects Committee