

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Community and Environment Committee held on Tuesday 8th January 2019 at 6:00pm, at the Sambrook Centre, Stirchley

Present: Councillors A Watkin (Chair)
 R Breeze (Vice-Chair)
 J Loveridge
 M Randle
 G Sinclair
 Miss S Vaughan-Hodkinson

Also Present: Mrs S Middleton (Deputy Parish Clerk)
 Mr C R Corbett (Committee Secretary, taking the minutes)

Public Open Session

There were no members of the local community present.

CE/18/71 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr T Bate (work commitments), Cllr S Parr (family matter) and Cllr Mrs J Loveridge (illness) which were accepted unanimously.

CE/18/72 RECYCLING SERVICE

Members received a visual presentation on the Telford & Wrekin Recycling Service from Ruth Jones, Communications & Engagement Officer.

The Committee was reminded as to which products were suitable for recycling, such as milk bottles, cleaning product containers, aerosols, any glass, paper & card, batteries etc .

There was also an “assisted collection” service for elderly and disabled residents etc who were physically unable to move to recycling bins etc to the property boundary for collection.

Veolia hoped to start to collect garden waste, but not soil, by April 2019.

There was a Materials Recovery Facility at Four Ashes nr Wolverhampton, where all the Blue Bin recyclable materials was sent for sorting etc. Paper & Card materials were taken to a similar facility in Cheshire.

Veolia offered various funding opportunities such as “Envirogrant” for community groups and Sports Funding for sports groups etc. Also available was the Veolia Environmental Trust for capital expenditure by local organisations.

Cllr J Loveridge asked whether wood products were recycled and was informed that the appropriate information would be sourced and reported back.

Cllr S Vaughan-Hodkinson enquired as to what was the accurate level of products that get recycled and was informed that all categorised recyclable products were recycled but 47% of all general waste was recyclable.

CLLr A Watkin commented upon a recent increased number of refuse vehicles using the Stirchley lane route that had a 2 Tonne limit, as a through route. Ruth Jones stated that she would report the matter.

Members expressed thanks to Ruth Jones for the very interesting presentation.

CE/18/73 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Community & Environment Committee held on 4th December 2018 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

CE/18/74 **MATTERS ARISING**

CE/18/75 **CLERK'S REPORT**

The Deputy Parish Clerk presented a report that outlined the following matters:-

Pensioners Party

Once again the parish council hosted a fabulous pensioners' party at the Telford Hotel, Great Hay, which was enjoyed by all. The cost totalled: £4,028 and Some of this expenditure was offset by £850 from tickets at £5 each. Twenty five places were used by: Staff Volunteers Councillors and Guests At a cost of £387.50 Members were asked to consider if they wished to reduce this cost.

Members suggested that Councillors should contribute to the cost of the meal either in full or at the charged cost of £5

RESOLVED – that Councillors be asked to contribute the full meal cost or the £5 contribution if of pensionable age and living in the Parish

Christmas Lights

For the second year in row the Christmas lights at the Sambrook Centre have been vandalised. This year as well as pulling the lights out of the tree, the icicle lights around the building were damaged. The cost of repair to the damage to the tree festoons last year was £130. There is also a health and safety issue; we were advised by the Police on Sunday (30th December) that there was a problem and the lights were across the pavement along with broken bulbs; however it was Monday before we could get the installer to make safe. Members were asked to consider the viability of lights in Stirchley District Centre for 2019/2020

Members were saddened by the knowledge that the lights had been vandalised and suggested that it be reported in social media that they were considering the cancellation of future light displays, due to the vandalism.

Allotments

Allotment tenants have been sent the invoices for the new year, an updated tenancy agreement and a data protection agreement. There are 3 vacant plots at present.

a. Trees

The Clerk and Deputy Clerk had walked around the site, with the TWC tree officer and the Chair of the Allotments Association, I will now be seeking quotes for the work we have identified.

b. Tenants Meeting

I have provisionally booked Saturday 23rd of February at 11am at The Sambrook Centre for an allotment tenants meeting. Cllrs J Loveridge M Randle and G Sinclair indicated that they would be available to attend.

CE/18/76 GRIT BIN AT WROXETER WAY

The Parish Clerk commented that there was a need to formally consider the funding and location of a grit bin at Wroxeter Way.

It was proposed by Cllr R Breeze, and seconded by Cllr J Loveridge, and subsequently unanimously **RESOLVED – that a grit bin be located at the corner of Holmer Lane (nr Wroxeter Way) at a cost of £100 for installation and 3 refills per annum at £40 per refill.**

CE/18/77 GRANTS

To consider any grant applications s137 of the Local Government Act 1972:- None

CE/18/78 PLANNING APPLICATIONS –

The Committee received details of and consider the following planning applications from Telford & Wrekin Council.

- a) **TWC 2018/ None**
- b) To give consideration to any further planning applications, received for consultation, after publication of the agenda.
TWC 2018/ None
- c) To receive information of decisions taken by Telford & Wrekin Council relating to planning applications in the Parish.
TWC 2018/ None
- d) To consider any Pre-Application Enquiries received – PE/2018/. - None

CE/18/79 CORRESPONDENCE – To receive any relevant correspondence – None

CE/18/80 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

The Committee received Councillors' reports on matters relevant to the Committee.

Cllr G Sinclair commented that the Friends of Holmer Lake had recently received a grant of £1000.

Cllr G Sinclair also reported that he had been successful in getting a road sweeper to collect leaves from Holmer Lane.

Cllr S Vaughan-Hodkinson reported upon the ongoing issue of a smouldering fire at the Rose & Crown Public House

Cllr J Loveridge commented upon the security issues at Brookside Central building roof.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.32pm.

Signed

Dated