

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Community and Environment Committee held on

Tuesday 7th December 2021 at 7:00pm, at the Sambrook Centre, Storchley.

Present: Councillors G Sinclair (Chair), S Roberts (Vice-Chair),
H Unwin, S Vaughan-Hodkinson and A Watkin.

Also Present: S Middleton (Deputy Clerk- DC), Caroline Higgins (Responsible Finance Officer - RFO) and
C R Corbett (Committee Secretary).

Public Open Session

There were no members of the general public present.

CE/21/54 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr J G Loveridge (migraine headache) and duly accepted by the Committee.

Cllr N England had received a Leave of Absence and did not attend the meeting.

Cllr H Evans was also unable to attend the meeting.

Cllr A Watkin declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item CE/21/57 – Community Orchard at the Allotment Site.

CE/21/55 MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr S Vaughan-Hodkinson and seconded by Cllr A Watkin and
RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Community & Environment Committee held on 2nd November 2021, be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

CE/21/56 DEPUTY CLERK'S REPORT

The Deputy Clerk (DC) reported upon :-

CCTV in Storchley – The DC had held a meeting with the Public Realm team from T&W Council about the possibility of putting up CCTV around the Centre area and along the spinal path. There was some money available from T&W but the Parish Council may need to take on the ongoing costs to connect the CCTV to the central system in Oakengates. The DC had approached Park School about the possibility of linking into the power via their floodlights and they had agreed in principle. The cost of each camera was around £6500 with two years airtime. **Members supported the proposal** and acknowledged that there was a need to accommodate it within the 2022/23 budget.

School event - The Sambrook Centre was hosting a nativity event with the local community vicar with the schools groups visiting the centre to take part in activities.

Coffee morning and Pensioners Party - The coffee morning raised £60.00 for Severn Hospice and 130 pensioners attended the Christmas party, all went well.

Tree for the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations – proposal to plant a tree, a Rowan Sorbus Hickory, at Brookside

Allotments - The RFO will be sending out the bills shortly so we can then let any vacant plots. There were plots available and people on the waiting list.

The Boundary Commission had set out draft recommendations for consultation and Members were encouraged to visit the T&W web site and submit any views.

Note - Cllr A Watkin declared a non-pecuniary interest in the next item, as a plot holder.

CE/21/57 COMMUNITY ORCHARD AT THE ALLOTMENT SITE

The Deputy Clerk explained a proposal to establish a Community Orchard (an Esplanade) on plot 5 of the Allotment Site. Cllr H Unwin questioned the community access issue to the site. Cllr C Turley was understood to be willing to provide funds from his Borough Pride Fund. Cllr A Watkin commented on the possible income loss from plot rental for general allotment use but the ploholders of plot 5 were willing to pay the annual fees etc.

It was proposed by Cllr H Unwin and seconded by Cllr S Vaughan-Hodkinson and **RESOLVED – that proposal be supported subject to accessibility for the public and the financial costs being addressed.**

CE/21/58 BUDGET 2022/23

The Committee were presented with financial reports by the RFO that outlined the current 2021/22 budget for the Committee.

Members made various suggestions regarding revisions for the 2022/23 relating to grants, neighbourhood plan, training/conferences, Brookside Central, youth services, St James Churchyard maintenance etc. The RFO undertook to incorporate the suggestions in the new budget for presentation to the Full Council meeting on 11th January 2022.

CE/21/59 GRANTS

The Committee consider the following grant applications under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972:-

Telford & Wrekin Interfaith Council – application for £200 towards the funding for the delivery of out-of-hours food parcels

It was proposed by Cllr S Roberts and seconded by Cllr A Watkin and **RESOLVED – that a grant of £200 be awarded to Telford & Wrekin Interfaith Council – towards the funding for the delivery of out-of-hours food parcels**

Strengthening Families Team, Lakeside – application for £200 towards the provision of toys for the T&W Council Stay & Play Group at Brookside.

Members were concerned that T&W Council should financially support the Group not the local Parish Council

By a majority vote against the application it was **RESOLVED** – that the grant application from Strengthening Families Team, Lakeside be refused.

CE/21/60 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS** –The Committee received details of and considered the following planning applications from Telford & Wrekin Council:-

TWC 2021/ None.

Any further planning applications, received for consultation, after publication of the agenda -. **TWC 2021/ - None**

Information regarding decisions taken by Telford & Wrekin Council relating to planning applications in the Parish – None

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CORRESPONDENCE

None

CE/21/62 **COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Councillors’ reports were made on matters relevant to the Committee :- NONE

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.03 pm

Signed

Dated