

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Community and Environment Committee held on Tuesday 6th June 2017 at 6:00pm, at the Sambrook Centre, Stirchley.

Present – Councillors R Breeze, J Loveridge, S Parr, G Sinclair, M Randle (6.18pm) and A Watkin.

Also Present: Mrs G Bailey (Parish Clerk), and Mr C Corbett– (Committee & Finance Secretary - taking the minutes).

Public Open Session – there were no members of the public present at the meeting.

CE/17/01 ELECTION OF A CHAIR – To elect a Chair of the Committee for 2017/18.

Cllrs J Loveridge and A Watkin were proposed and seconded and after a show of hands it was, by four votes to one, **RESOLVED – that Cllr A Watkin be elected to the position of Chair of the Community & Environment Committee for 2017/18.**

CE/17/02 APPOINTMENT OF A VICE-CHAIR

It was proposed by Cllr R Breeze, and seconded by Cllr G Sinclair, and subsequently unanimously **RESOLVED – that Cllr J Loveridge be appointed to the position of Vice Chair of the Community & Environment Committee for 2017/18.**

CE/17/03 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs L Hogger (another engagement), Cllr T Bate (work commitment) and Cllr Mrs J Loveridge (Borough Council duties) which were accepted unanimously.

CE/17/04 MINUTES

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Community & Environment Committee held on 4th April 2017 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

(Note: - the meeting scheduled for May 2017 was cancelled.)

CE/17/05 ACTION

The committee received reports of any action taken since the last meeting and these included :- the bee hive on the allotment site had been moved to a more suitable position away from plot holders with allergy symptoms against bee stings; lack of dropped kerbs in the parish had been investigated and prices for the work were awaited; development at Hinksay Road had two shafts on the site and the Coal Authority were objecting to the application and the speed bumps in Brookside reported by Cllr Parr had still not been repaired – Clerk to follow up.

CE/17/06 CLERK'S REPORT

The clerk reported upon vandalism at Madebrook Pools, handrails at Ludford Drive that had been installed by Green Heroes to great local applause (publicity opportunity), the need to reprint the S&B Walking booklet, issues at Funzone/Youth Club, the closure of some underpasses in the parish, clearing of undergrowth at the Nedge Picnic site and a proposed allotment holder meeting on 1st July.

Cllr Parr suggested a replacement Zebra Crossing for the loss of underpasses at Brookside be investigated.

CE/17/07 P.E.T. SCHEME

The Committee considered a report regarding PET Scheme training in pesticide application procedures that had been suggested by Phil Pritchard (T&W) following a quarterly meeting. The costs are £500 for two modules per candidate and members supported the course for two S&B operatives.

It was proposed by Cllr R Breeze, and seconded by Cllr J Loveridge, and subsequently unanimously **RESOLVED – that the report be approved and applications be made for 2 Parish Officers to attend the pesticide application course as detailed.**

CE/17/08 WALKING BOOKLETS

Members were requested to approve the funding for Walking Booklets as identified in the Clerk's Report. The funding as updated from the Clerks report item on the agenda, amounted to £435 for 1,000 copies of the booklet.

It was proposed by Cllr J Loveridge and seconded by Cllr M Randle and subsequently unanimously **RESOLVED – that 1,000 copies of the Stirchley & Brookside Walking Booklet for £435 be ordered from the current supplier.**

CE/17/09 GRANTS POLICY

The Clerk presented an amended version of the Grants Policy to allow for continual assessment of grant applications rather than at quarterly intervals.

It was proposed by Cllr S Parr, and seconded by Cllr J Loveridge, and subsequently unanimously **RESOLVED – that the revised Grants Policy, as amended, be approved.**

CE/17/10 GRANTS

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

- a) **Friends of Telford Town Park** – application for funds towards printing of the Explore Newsletter. Members expressed some concern as being unaware of the nature of the Newsletter and suggested that funding be deferred until samples of the Newsletter could be obtained and assessed by the Committee

It was proposed by Cllr S Parr, and seconded by Cllr R Breeze, and subsequently unanimously **RESOLVED –that the request for funding be politely declined at present, until samples of the Newsletter could be obtained and assessed. A further application for a grant was invited in 3 months, with a sample of the Newsletter included.**

- b) **Telford Park School** – application for funds to establish an Eco Project. Members were aware that the school pupils met weekly to discuss projects

It was proposed by Cllr R Breeze , and seconded by Cllr S Parr, and subsequently unanimously **RESOLVED – that a grant of £200 be made to the Telford Park School for an Eco Project.**

CE/17/11 PLANNING APPLICATIONS – The Committee received details of and considered the following planning applications from Telford & Wrekin Council

- a) **TWC 2017/0429 The Co-operative Food, Grange Avenue, Stirchley, Telford.** Installation of 4no. Internally Illuminated fascia signs, 8no. Non-illuminated wall mounted panels, 1no. Internally illuminated totem sign and 1no. Non- illuminated mounted acrylic lettering.

It was proposed by Cllr J Loveridge , and seconded by Cllr G Sinclair and subsequently unanimously **RESOLVED – that no objection be raised to the application.**

- b) TWC 2017/0349 18 Swansmeade Way, Stirchley, Telford.**
Conversion of garage to living accommodation.

It was proposed by Cllr J Loveridge, and seconded by Cllr G Sinclair, and subsequently unanimously **RESOLVED – that no objection be raised to the application**

- c) Any further planning applications, received for consultation, after publication of the agenda - none.**

Any information of decisions taken by Telford & Wrekin Council relating to planning applications in the Parish - none

CE/17/12 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

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

- a. Cllr R Breeze – much effort extended to clear up part of Silkin Way only to see fresh litter and rubbish shortly after. – very disappointing.
- b. Cllr J Loveridge stated that Brookside’s new café at Brookside Central was opened on Friday with over 300 people in attendance
- c. Cllr S Parr – reported the van preciously blocking a footpath in Brookside was now gone but that there was now an issue with dog mess found in the alley between 23 and 24 Briarwood – report to T&W

Cllr A Watkin – availability of a strip of land by the Stirchley graveyard – Cllr G Sinclair and the Clerk to investigate

Meeting finished at 7.03 pm

Chair

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