



**Community Wellbeing Committee
held on
Thursday 17 October 2019 commencing 7:00pm at the Town Hall**

MINUTES

Membership: Councillors: Eileen Andrews, Mel Davey, Gordon Guest, Janet Johns, Ian Morton, Will Jones (Chair) & Lloyd Knight (Ex-officio).

Those present: Councillors Will Jones (Chair), Lloyd Knight, Janet Johns, Mel Davey, Ian Morton.
Mr Nick Savage (Footpath Warden).

The Assistant Town Clerk (Clerk).

1. **APOLOGIES:** To receive apologies for absence. Councillor Eileen Andrews (illness).
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT:** There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interests made.
3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** As there were no members of the public present, this section of the meeting did not take place.
4. **MINUTES:** The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 19 September 2019 were adopted as a true and correct record of the meeting and signed as such. Proposed Councillor Janet Johns, seconded Councillor Ian Morton.
5. **RESOLUTIONS:** To receive and to note. Noted.

The Chair will ask the Clerk before the next meeting about what is happening with the former BT Telephone Kiosk at Stoneyford.

Councillor Mel Davey asked about the quotations for the fencing at Hayman's Close and when a contractor is likely to be appointed.

Assistant Town Clerk to enquire as to when the Falcon bus stop is likely to be moved to the other side of the road.

6. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY:

- i) **Footpath Warden:** To receive (verbal) report from Footpath Warden.

It was noted that a horse became caught in an electric fence recently on the Old Hill footpath. Nick stated that the fence in question is usually switched off but that there is little he or the council can do about instances such as this.

- ii) **Leat (Mill Stream):** To receive a verbal update on the Mill Stream.

The Leat Bank is the priority for spending in the short to medium term. Councillor Lloyd Knight noted that there have been some replies to the letter sent to riparian owners and that many are keen to join the Leat Welfare Working Group. The Deputy Town Clerk will arrange a meeting in due course.

RESOLVED: That a vote of thanks is recorded for the work carried out by the volunteer Footpath Warden, Nick Savage. Proposed Councillor Ian Morton, seconded Councillor Lloyd Knight.

- iii) Any other Public Rights of Way matters. Councillor Mel Davey asked about the status of the green open spaces and Public Rights of Way on the Kingfisher Reach and Saxon Fields developments. It was explained that there are no formal or recorded Public Rights of Way in that vicinity, although there are some routes that are utilised as such, and that the open space would be managed by a private company rather than Mid Devon District Council.

7. FINANCE:

- i) To receive Committee Income & Expenditure Report. Noted.
- ii) To consider and to agree any items/projects to be included in the Committee's 3 no. year budget forecast and to allocate an associated budget for each.

Lloyd Knight suggested that a budget to update the Mayoral Chain is considered. The Deputy Town Clerk is requested to investigate the cost of additional links to the chain. It was considered that the chain will need something in the region of 10 links to make it a full Mayoral Chain and have plenty of links for engraving in the future.

Janet Johns wishes to have the trim trail exercise equipment at the play areas project progressed. The Deputy Town Clerk is requested to investigate where equipment could be placed and at what cost.

8. COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT:

- i) **TOWN CLERK'S RETIREMENT:** To agree arrangements to mark the retirement of the Town Clerk and to allocate a budget.

RESOLVED: That a reception is held to mark the retirement of the Town Clerk and to thank Mrs. Morris for her service to the town. The venue and catering arrangements to be confirmed. The reception is to be an informal event for approximately 150 no. people but should include speeches from the Mayor and individuals as deemed appropriate. Invitations (with an RSVP) should be sent to community and voluntary groups. Budget of £1,500 with a £500 contingency to be allocated. Proposed Councillor Janet Johns, seconded Councillor Ian Morton.

Councillor Lloyd Knight will investigate the cost of Padbrook Park Hotel. Councillor Mel Davey will investigate the cost of The Walronds including the erection of a marquee in the garden.

- ii) **PLAY AREAS:** To receive an update report. Noted.

RESOLVED: That a basketball facility is installed at Cross Parks. Proposed Councillor Mel Davey, seconded Councillor Janet Johns.

- iii) **CULLOMPTON FUN DAY:** To consider supporting and/or assisting with the organisation of the Cullompton Scout Group's Fun Day event on 11 July 2020.

After discussion that included:

- Whether or not other community groups could come together with the Scouts to organise this event.
- That it is likely to clash with the Cullompton Festival.
- That it is likely to clash with the Farmers' Market.

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RESOLVED: To support the Cullompton Scout Group Fun Day is supported in principle with the exact support required to be confirmed. Proposed Councillor Lloyd Knight, seconded Councillor Janet Johns.

- iv) **TOWN CRIER:** To consider, in principle, the provision of a Town Crier and purchase of livery (uniform). The Committee agreed, in principle, with the engagement of a voluntary Town Crier although the cost of livery is considered to be prohibitive. The Deputy Town Clerk is requested to Investigate the potential of the sewing group that meets at The Walronds producing a livery for a Town Crier; at the same time, it may be worth obtaining some more formal attire for The Mayor.

9. **ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION FEES:** To receive report and to agree the position of the Town Council collecting the Cullompton Allotment Association subscription fees (Appendix F).

After discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Allotment Association fees are no longer collected by the council on behalf of the Allotment Association. Proposed Councillor Mel Davey, seconded Councillor Janet Johns.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Any correspondence received after the date of this Agenda. Non received.

RESOLVED: That due to the commercial nature of the business to be discussed, the following item is dealt with as Part 2 business and, in accord with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public are requested to leave at this point and the next section of the meeting is conducted in private. Proposed Councillor Will Jones, seconded Councillor Lloyd Knight.

11. **WAR MEMORIAL:** To consider estimates for the repair and cleaning of the War Memorial and to agree on preferred contractor.

RESOLVED: That Richard Grant Memorials are contracted to clean, repoint and repaint the War Memorial in Cullompton. Proposed Councillor Ian Morton, seconded Councillor Janet Johns.

12. **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** To confirm date and time of next meeting as Thursday 21st November 2019 at 7:00pm in the Town Hall.

It is certified that these Minutes are a true and accurate reflection of the meeting:

Signed

Name.....

Date..... /...../.....