

## Services Committee

**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018, 6:00pm at the Woughton Community Council Hub, The Local Centre, Garraways, Coffee Hall, Milton Keynes**

**Present: Cllrs Donna Coventry (Chair), Nick Scott (Vice-Chair),** Tina El-Shabrawry, Philip Hopcraft, Sue Luttmann, John Orr, Archibald Prempeh, Sue Smith, Yvonne Tomlinson, Alan Williamson, Geoff Woolmore.

**Also present:** Julia Bandy (Community Services Manager), Brian Barton (Committee & Member Services Officer).

**In attendance:** Cllr Jordan Coventry, Cllr Kevin Wilson.

**SD 24/18 Apologies:**

None received.

**NOTED**

**SD 25/18 Declarations of Interest:**

There were no declarations of interest.

**NOTED**

**SD 26/18 Questions from the public (maximum 10 minutes):**

There were no questions from the members of the public.

**NOTED**

**SD 27/18 Chairs announcements:**

Councillors Awayday Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2018, 10:00am-2:30pm at the Eaglestone Activity Centre.

**NOTED**

**SD 28/18 Minutes of previous meetings:**

The minutes of the Services Committee held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018 were **AGREED** and signed by the Chair as a true and correct record.

### Grant Aid

**SD 29/18 Q Youth:**

Q Youth had submitted a grant aid application for £1,200.00 towards volunteer training, equipment, small appliances, and other items.

Cllr Sue Smith moved and Cllr Philip Hopcraft seconded that £800 be awarded to Q Youth, **For: six (6) motion carried.**

Cllr Archibald Prempeh moved and Cllr Yvonne Tomlinson seconded that £1,000 be awarded to Q Youth, **For: four (4)**

**RESOLVED**

- 1. To award a grant of £800 to Q Youth towards volunteer training, equipment, small appliances, and other items.**
- 2. That Woughton Community Council is happy to support and advise Q Youth on any fundraising activities.**

**Reports**

**SD 30/18 To update the committee on the £200 payments from Milton Keynes Council for affected families, council tax rebates, rubbish removal and other issues relating to the flooding:**

The deadline to claim for a £200 payment is Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018. It was requested that this information be posted on to the Woughton Community Council Facebook page.

Concerns were raised about the type of information given to residents and the implementation process.

Residents need to personally make a claim to Milton Keynes Council.

If members have any questions, concerns or issues regarding customer service and call handling then please contact Cllr Sue Smith.

Cllr Sue Smith will investigate what the criteria is for the two (2) months Council Tax rebate, and whether the rebate applies to those residents who have temporarily moved out of their properties.

Cllr Smith will circulate any information that she receives from Milton Keynes Council on the issues that Members have raised at this meeting of the Services Committee.

Members raised concerns about the condition of the drains and tree roots causing problems.

Milton Keynes Council is undertaking an investigation in partnership with DEFRA, Anglian Water and other appropriate agencies.

**RESOLVED**

- 1. That Cllr Sue Smith to investigate what the criteria is for the two (2) months Council Tax rebate, and whether the rebate applies to those residents who have temporarily moved out of their properties.**
- 2. That Cllr Smith to circulate any information that she receives from Milton Keynes Council on the issues that Members have raised at this meeting of the Services Committee.**

**SD 31/18 To provide feedback on the Four Bridges Festival:**

Members felt the event was a good start and a solid basis for next year. Members mentioned that the stalls were positioned too far apart, and that there was also too much open space. Members wanted to see more stalls run by community groups for

next year. The stallholders at the festival will be approached to provide some feedback.

Some residents wanted the venue for next year's festival to be in the Woughton Community Council area, although this could be alternated between both parishes.

It was suggested that both Woughton Community Council and Campbell Park Parish Council appoint a lead officer each for the festival.

It was felt that should be more local bands and better quality speakers, that all the demographics were not catered for, there needs to be better connections with the local schools and consideration given as to how they can become more involved in the festival.

The festival should have been advertised more widely, the rotas should be adhered to and carried out.

Concern was expressed that some partner agencies did not get involved such as Thames Valley Police who have been seen attending events outside of the Woughton Community Council area.

It was suggested maybe to have two (2) events on the same day at different venues, with one (1) of the events in the Woughton Community Council area and the other event in the Campbell Park Parish Council area.

Members agreed that a date should be set as soon as possible, so that preparations can start for next year's festival, and to ensure that there are no clashes with any other major local community and or sporting events, and national sporting events.

A provisional date of Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2019 was suggested, subject to agreement with Campbell Park Parish Council, a venue also needs to be agreed.

**RESOLVED**

- 1. That a provisional date of Saturday 13th July 2019 for the festival is suggested, subject to agreement with Campbell Park Parish Council.**

**SD 32/18 To discuss the implementation of the Councillors Roadshows:**

All Members should be undertaking a Councillor Roadshow event in their Ward.

Beanhill and Coffee Hall Members have already made arrangements for their roadshows.

Netherfield Members hope to attend the Funday event, Eaglestone Members are planning to hold a roadshow in October 2018.

Officers must be given plenty of notice by Members.

**NOTED**

**SD 33/18 Update on the appointment of the new Mental Health Community Worker:**

Ms Sue Varley has recently been appointed on a part time basis with a remit to cover all issues relating to well being and mental health in the Woughton Community Council area.

**NOTED**

**Date of next meeting:**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018, 6:00pm at the Woughton Community Council Hub, The Local Centre, Garraways, Coffee Hall, Milton Keynes.

**THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 7:03PM**

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