

Woughton Community Council

Services & Communities Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 29th June 2020, 6:00pm via Zoom and Facebook Live.

Present: Cllrs Nick Scott (Chair), John Orr (Vice-Chair), Janette Bobey, Brian Hepburn (from 6:15pm), Terri Page, Sue Smith, Alan Williamson, Pam Wilson.

Also present: Brian Barton (Committee & Member Services Officer), Tash Darling (Youth Manager & Safeguarding Lead), Steve McNay (Council Manager), Sean Perry (Community Services Manager), Kevin Vickers (Community Development & Events Co-ordinator).

In attendance: Cllr Donna Fuller, Jill Gentle (Grand Union Vineyard Trustee), Rachel Kleinsmith (Grand Union Vineyard Staff Member).

SC 75/20 Apologies:

Received from Cllr Luke Louis (College commitment), Cllr Ruth McMillan (Unwell).

AGREED

Cllr Shammi Akter was not in attendance or submitted her apologies.

Cllr Lauren Townsend was not in attendance or submitted her apologies.

NOTED

SD 76/20 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr John Orr declared a personal interest in agenda item SC 81/20 as he is a member of the Tinkers Bridge Residents Association and took no part in the vote.

NOTED

SD 77/20 Questions from the public (maximum 10 minutes):

A member of the public asked whether there could be a more collaborative approach with the Grand Union Vineyard, as there are other voluntary groups that are based in and work in the Woughton Community Council area that provide welfare services and could be included in the funding bid.

The Council Manager said this could not be included in the discussion tonight as the question had only been submitted before the paper had been circulated to Members, but it was important that this question was brought to Members attention.

NOTED

SD 78/20 Chairs announcements:

There were no Chairs announcements.

NOTED

SC 79/20 Minutes of previous meetings:

The minutes of the Services Committee meeting held on Monday 27th January 2020 were **AGREED** and will be signed by the Chair as a true and correct record.

Cllr Brian Hepburn joined the meeting.

SC 80/20 Presentation by Grand Union Vineyard:

Jill Gentle (Grand Union Vineyard Trustee), Rachel Kleinsmith (Grand Union Vineyard Staff Member) gave a presentation to the meeting.

The Grand Union Vineyard Church is based on Netherfield and provides a range of support to local people, some youth sessions, community fridge, wellbeing sessions and similar. In addition, they currently provide the Storehouse service, offering clothes and other items to people in need. This is currently based in Stacey Bushes and they are looking to open another base on Netherfield. The funding for creation of suitable space, etc. is already in place.

Their funding request is to support the employment of a project worker to facilitate the development of all aspects of their work locally the total cost of this employee is £32,439, with around £9,600 has already been raised, leaving just under £23,000 to find.

After the presentation there then followed questions by Members.

The meeting decided to make a decision on this funding request at the next Services & Communities Committee meeting.

RESOLVED

To make a decision on this funding request by the Grand Union Vineyard at the next Services & Communities Committee meeting.

Communities and Environment Fund Application(s)

SC 81/20 Tinkers Bridge Residents Association:

Cllr John Orr declared a personal interest in this agenda item and did not take part in the vote.

Application request for up to £500, Tinkers Bridge Residents Association are planning one or more summer activities or events to enable the community to come together in the current emergency, either by having a socially distanced event, such as a picnic with games for children, or by planning something for when restrictions are relaxed. Residents will be consulted on the activity(s) they would like to have.

The meeting after some discussion proposed to approve the Tinkers Bridge Residents Association application in principle.

The meeting further proposed to ring fence a £3,000 budget for resident associations to apply for post Covid-19 celebrations.

RESOLVED

1. That the committee notes the report.
2. That the committee agrees to:
 - a. Funding in principle for the Tinkers Bridge Residents Association for a post Covid-19 celebration, to a limit of £300.
 - b. Funding in principle for all local Resident Association's for post Covid-19 celebrations.

Reports

SC 82/20 Community Managers Report:

The Community Manager updated the Committee on this years' Service plan and projects.

The tabled report covered the following items:

- Wellbeing room
- Woughton Advice Service
- Community Fridge
- Community Development and Events.

RESOLVED

That the committee notes the report.

SC 83/20 To review the 2020/2021 Services Plan:

The Council Manager updated the committee on the impact of Covid-19 on the Service Plan and reviewed the following items that fall within the remit of this committee:

- Woughton on the Road
- Community Allotments
- Increase the equipment library
- Resident Skills Development
- Waste, recycling and the environment
- Community Development
- Events
- Youth Council
- CCTV
- Milton Keynes Storehouse

RESOLVED

1. That the committee notes the report.
2. That the committee agrees to the following recommendations regarding the specific elements relating to this committee's oversight, namely:
 - a. Milton Keynes Storehouse - To make a decision on this funding request at the next Services & Communities Committee meeting.
 - b. That the issues noted above are acceptable to the committee and that the Council Manager and other officers are tasked with delivery and updates as necessary, with agreed updates on progress in September and December 2020 and within planning for the 2021/2022 Service Plan.

SC 84/20 To discuss and review a Recovery Plan for services following the Covid-19 outbreak:

The Council Manager updated the committee on the recovery / restart options for the post Covid-19 crises.

The Committee proposed the following priorities for a restart:

- a. Restarting of the Community Fridge (with a different approach)
- b. External engagement via the use of the Trailer
- c. Food provision for children over the summer holidays
- d. Delivery of Play Rangers / Youth provision outdoors

RESOLVED

- 1. That the committee notes the report.
- 2. That the committee agrees the following priorities for a restart:
 - a. Restarting of the Community Fridge (with a different approach)
 - b. External engagement via the use of the Trailer
 - c. Food provision for children over the summer holidays
 - d. Delivery of Play Rangers / Youth provision outdoors
- 3. That there are further paper(s) provided looking more broadly at 'recovery' approaches for the Full Council in September and then as and when necessary.

Date of next meeting:

Monday 27th July 2020, venue to be confirmed.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 8:07 PM

Chair _____ Date _____