

Woughton Community Council

Services & Communities Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 26th October 2020, 6:00pm via Zoom Video Call and Facebook Live.

Present: Cllrs Nick Scott (Chair), John Orr (Vice-Chair), Janette Bobey, Brian Hepburn, 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).

In attendance: Cllr Donna Fuller.

SC 107/20 Apologies:

Cllr Luke Louis (college commitment).
Cllr Ruth McMillan (work commitment).
Cllr Terri Parish (work commitment).

AGREED

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

NOTED

SC 108/20 Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

NOTED

SC 109/20 Questions from the public (maximum 10 minutes):

The Council Manager read out a question submitted from a member of the public regarding agenda item SC 112/20:

“I understand that Woughton Community Council leaves a notice where rubbish has been dumped, asking for it to be removed by whoever is responsible, although that is a good thing, how long are the items left there before they are removed, there have been instances of fly tipping on Beanhill which have been reported and Serco has taken over two (2) months to remove items where Woughton Community Council has left a notice, this to me is not helping as the longer the items are left they are being added to, so this is not really a solution, perhaps the rubbish could be photographed and reported along with the immediate area leafleted to try and ascertain who was responsible for the fly tipping, and that way it allows for the items to be reported and removed.”

The Council Manager said that he was unaware of this happening where Woughton Community Council were leaving notices and Serco were not removing items, where items were not being removed without notices left then that is an issue for Serco.

The Committee will consider this matter when it gets to the appropriate agenda item.
NOTED

SC 110/20 Chairs announcements:

The Chair informed the meeting that there will be a memorial service on Sunday 8th November 2020, there will be a meeting to discuss arrangements bearing in mind the rule of six, and will let everything know about the timings, wreaths can be ordered through the Royal British Legion, the Chair (Cllr Nick Scott) or the Council Manager.

NOTED

SC 111/20 Minutes of previous meetings:

The minutes of the Services & Communities Committee meeting held on Monday 28th September 2020 were **AGREED** as a true and correct record and will be signed by the Chair.

Communities and Environment Fund Application(s)

There were no funding applications for consideration at this meeting.

NOTED

Reports

SC 112/20 To update the committee on fly tipping issues and how Woughton Community is planning to tackle the problem:

The Council Manager went through the figures, as regards Serco the Council Manager said that he will ask the Environment Team if there is an agreement with Serco not to remove rubbish which has a notice on it by Woughton Community Council.

The Council Manager was asked to seek from Serco a Service Level Agreement to ensure that they will be held to account in future.

The Council Manager was also asked to arrange for a meeting with Mr Wayne Turner at Milton Keynes Council to progress all the issues raised by Members at this committee meeting.

Cllr Janette Bobey raised matters relating to the work to fences on Netherfield and clearing materials up, the Council Manager said that he will write to Milton Keynes Council.

RESOLVED

- 1. That the committee notes the updated information.**
- 2. That the Council Manager to ask the Environment Team if there is an agreement with Serco not to remove rubbish which has a notice on it by Woughton Community Council.**
- 3. That the Council Manager to seek from Serco a Service Level Agreement to ensure that they will be held to account in future.**

4. That the Council Manager to arrange for a meeting with Mr Wayne Turner at Milton Keynes Council to progress all the issues raised by Members at this committee meeting.
5. That the Council Manager to write to Milton Keynes Council regarding the work to fencing on Netherfield and the clearing up of materials.

SC 113/20 To consider items for the 2021/2022 Service Plan:

The Council Manager asked for ideas from Members of the committee on what they would like to see on the Service Plan for next Year.

Members felt that until a draft budget has been circulated and the effect on income due to Covid-19 is known then consideration can then be given as to what items can be included in the 2021/2022 Service Plan.

After some discussion members felt that they needed to be some work on food poverty and tackling fly tipping.

RESOLVED

1. To add to the 2021/2022 Service Plan to consider ways of tackling food poverty.
2. To add to the 2021/2022 Service Plan to consider ways of tackling fly tipping.

SC 114/20 To update the committee on plans for the Autumn / Winter programme:

The Council Manager updated the committee on activities for the Autumn / Winter period.

RESOLVED

1. That the committee notes the report.
2. That the committee considers the role that members may take with activities.
3. That the committee receives updates after activities take place, alongside updates as / when things change.

SC 115/20 To inform the committee of a proposal from the Open University regarding a pilot scheme to investigate use of technology to support older people within the parish:

The Council Manager informed the committee of a proposal from the Open University regarding a pilot scheme to investigate the use of technology to support older people within the Woughton Community Council area.

RESOLVED

1. That the committee notes the report and attached document.
2. That the committee agrees to the Council Manager and Community Team to work with this project, once the situation with safety has been resolved (likely to be 2021 onwards).
3. That the project is self funding, via either support from the Open University or, through grants and other funding.
4. That the Committee receives updates once the project is clearer in terms of timescales, etc.

SC 116/20 To inform the committee of a proposal for a new project, 'Keeping Woughton Warm' and to gather views / agreement to proceed:

The Council Manager informed the committee of a proposal for a new project, 'Keeping Woughton Warm.'

This project is, at the current time, in proposal form. There will be a need to investigate a plan further, with a formal project plan provided.

This project will help address some of the issues around fuel poverty and, it is hoped, reduce the impact of winter on some of the more vulnerable residents.

RESOLVED

1. That the committee notes the report and proposal.
2. That the committee agrees to delegate progression of the project to the Community Team to develop and deliver.
3. That there is a small budget (£500) allocated to this project in case of need.
4. That updates are provided to the committee when the project is finalised and completed.

SC 117/20 To consider the arrangements for the Remembrance Service outside the Christ the Vine Church on Jonathans, Coffee Hall:

The Chair informed the meeting that the Remembrance Service will be held on Sunday 8th November 2020, there is the potential for six (6) veterans to read a poem.

The Community Services Manager asked if he could be supplied with their names, and to ask them to attend a meeting during working hours at the Hub, to record them reading the poem, The Chair said that he will get in contact with the Community Services Manager to make the necessary arrangements.

The Chair asked the meeting if there was anyone that wanted to purchase a wreath? Cllr John Orr and Donna Fuller said that they wanted one, the Netherfield Residents Association would like a wreath and will need to be invoiced for payment.

The Chair asked to meet up with the Community Services Manager to firm up the arrangements, he will ask the Royal British Legion for numbers, the Mayor or Deputy Mayor cannot attend but the Milton Keynes Council Armed Forces Champion will be in attendance.

NOTED

Date of next meeting:

Monday 30th November 2020, 6:00pm via Zoom Video Call.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 7:25 PM

Chair _____ Date _____