

DAVENTRY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Services Committee held at 3, New Street, Daventry on Monday 4th February 2019 at 6.30pm

Cllr Lynne Taylor – Chair

PRESENT:

Councillors:

Mike Arnold
Carl Busby
Mark Wesley
Aiden Ramsey
Katie Thurston
Lynn Jones
Malcolm Ogle
Karen Tweedale
Peter Luke
Maureen Luke

IN ATTENDANCE: Deborah Jewell, Town Clerk
0 Member of the press
0 Members of the public

OPEN FORUM

None.

CS1902.1 APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

Apologies received from Cllrs Fox, Branigan and Helm

CS1902.2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

CS1902.3 MINUTES

RESOLVED:	The Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee meeting held on Monday 7 th January 2019, having been circulated, be approved and signed as a correct record.
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CS1902.4 COMMITTEE BUDGET

Members received the report (Appendix 02) for the income and expenditure up to 31st January 2019 and noted the use of funds earmarked for the Mayor's Picnic from general events budget for the Classic Car Show.

The Clerk advised all allotment rents had been paid with no debtors to report.

CS1902.5 COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANTS

Members referred to the report (Appendix 3) from the Communications Officer (CO) and questioned the need to create another grant system when the Council already had a policy and application process in place for awards of up to £1000. The Clerk advised that the office was

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investigating options to continue and expand community events in the town, without putting further pressure on staff resources and one option was to use budgeted funds to encourage and give financial support to outside organisations to participate in town events and use staff resources more efficiently.

CS1902.6 DAVENTRY YOUTH HUB

Cllr Busby gave an update on the Daventry Youth Hub, although slow to attract members it was now proving to be popular with 11-14-year olds. Cllr Busby thanked members for their support but advised that the club's funds had depleted, and they faced having to close the club until more funding was made available in April. Members asked questions in relation to activities, promotion, operational costs and fundraising activities and offered advice to help with the sustainability of the service. The Town Clerk suggested the group apply for a community grant, as the fund awards up to £1000 and their original request was £600.00

Proposed by Cllr Ramsey, seconded by Cllr Wesley, it was unanimously

RESOLVED	That the Community Services committee supported the Daventry Hub in submitting a second application to the Council's community grant scheme for funding to cover the cost of hall hire until April 2019.
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CS1902.7 TOWN EVENTS

Members received the updated report regarding Town Events for 2018/2019. Appendix 04 and gave feedback on the Winter Fayre.

CS1902.8 WINTER FAYRE DE-BRIEF

Members noted the feedback from those involved in the organisation of the event, the footfall figures and feedback from the online questionnaire. The statistics evidenced that the event was popular, but the organisers recognised that changes had to be made to ensure it continued to be sustainable by holding the event over 2 days. Members expressed disappointment in this decision. The Clerk suggested interested members meet with officers to discuss arrangements for 2019.

CS1902.9 COMMUNICATION

Members noted the report on communication and publicity for January 2019. Appendix 06.

CS1902.10 FUTURE HIGH STREET FUND

Members received a report on the CO's attendance to a meeting held by Daventry District Council to consider an application in relation to the Government initiative to provide funding to improve High Streets/Town centres throughout the UK.

RESOLVED	That the Town Council support the Future High Street Fund initiative and an officer attend any future meetings.
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CS1902.11 CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk advised correspondence received relating to the need to apply to various property owners for permissions and licences to install infrastructure needed for the proposed

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Christmas light scheme. Cllr M Luke advised her disappointment at the proposed scheme, which excluded Bowen Square and asked the Clerk if this had been made known to the property management company. The Clerk advised that she had notified the property management company of the Town Council's decision and consideration was being given to the possibility of erecting a Christmas tree in this area. The Christmas lights working group agreed to meet to review options.

CS1902.12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 4th March 2019. The meeting closed at 19.45pm.

Signed Date