

DAVENTRY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Services Committee held at 3, New Street, Daventry on Monday 4th September 2017 at 6.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr Lynne Taylor – Chair

Councillors:

Maureen Luke
Peter Luke
Mike Arnold
Karen Tweedale
Glenda Simmonds

IN ATTENDANCE: Deborah Jewell – Town Clerk
Lorna White – Communications Officer
0 Member of the Press
2 Members of the Public

Due to the absence of the Committee Chair and Vice Chair, it was resolved that Cllr Lynne Taylor Chair the meeting.

OPEN FORUM

n/a

CS1709.1 APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

Apologies received from Cllr Julie Wesley, Mark Wesley, Carl Busby, Ron Fox and Aiden Ramsey

CS1709.2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor	Declaration of Interest	Minute Number
Lynne Taylor	Spouse is a Daventry Allotment Holder	CS1709.4&5
Mike Arnold	Spouse is a Daventry Allotment Holder	CS1709.4&5

CS1709.3 MINUTES

RESOLVED:	The Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee meeting held on Monday 7 th August having been circulated, be approved and signed as a correct record.
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CS1709.4 COMMITTEE BUDGET

Members reviewed and noted the Committee Budget dated August 2017 and agreed there were no matters arising.

The Clerk highlighted the need for the Council to allocate funding, from reserves to resolve maintenance issues on allotment sites and create a forward plan. Members concurred and asked that it be included in budget considerations for 2018-19.

Recommendation	Approval be given for expenditure of up to £4000 from general reserves to carry out urgent groundworks and clear boundaries to enable adjacent properties to maintain their fences.
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CS1709.5 ALLOTMENTS

Members reviewed and discussed the report to introduce a Bee Keeping Policy to Daventry Allotments and all concurred that this was a good idea and

Resolved	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That prior to introducing bee keeping on Daventry Town Council Allotments the Town Council host an open evening for interested allotment holders and extend the invitation to residents to better understand beekeeping and allay any fears.2. Create a Bee Keeping policy, so that interested allotment holders apply to have a hive and provide proof that they have attended a Beekeepers Association Beginner Course.
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CS1709.6 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- (i) The Communications Officer briefed members on the success of Teddy Mayors Picnic and the Daventry Flower and Vegetable Show, which had been very well received by the community.
- (ii) The Communications Officer updated members on the forthcoming Daventry Food Festival. In all 50 stalls have booked a pitch and local company 'Image IT' were sponsoring the brochure. Cllr Tweedale asked if banners were being produced to promote the event and was advised that there was no budget available for this expenditure and it was:

Resolved:	That approval be given to the Town Clerk to vire up to £500.00 from within the community services committee budget to cover further expenditure to help promote the event.
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CS1709.7 COMMUNITY POLICING/STREET WARDENS

Members discussed the provision of a PCSO and or Street Warden (s) to support and assist in the reduction of crime, anti-social behaviour and promotion of community safety within Daventry Town. Cllr Arnold expressed concern in relation to the timeframe for Council to investigate and make a decision that had numerous variances and long-term implications in relation to staffing and legal responsibilities.

Cllr P Luke concurred and voiced his concerns in relation to the Town Council taking on the role and remit of a service that was the responsibility of another authority.

Cllr Taylor asked if PCSOs were sponsored by other Towns and/or Parishes. The Clerk advised that many parishes had opted to sponsor PCSOs to enhance community safety in their parishes.

All members agreed the sponsorship of a PCSO or employment of street wardens was a massive undertaking and needed a comprehensive report and it was

Resolved	That the Clerk submit a report to this Committee for further critique prior to any decisions being made in relation to budget planning
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CS1709.8 Correspondence

The Town Clerk read letters of thanks and praise from Daventry WI & Cynthia Spencer Hospice regarding Teddy Mayors Picnic and The Daventry Flower and Vegetable Show. The Clerk also advised receipt of a letter from an allotment tenant giving notice due to the rent being increased from September 2018 and security/maintenance concerns on Daneholme Allotment site.

CS1709.8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 2nd October 2017 and the meeting closed at 19:50hrs

Signed Date