

DAVENTRY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Services Committee held at 3, New Street, Daventry on Tuesday 3rd May 2022 at 6.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr Malcolm Ogle - Chair

Councillors:
Mike Arnold
Lynn Jones
Holly Steenson
Katie Thurston
John Tippet
Lynne Taylor

IN ATTENDANCE: Deborah Jewell – Chief Officer (CO)
Mel Bland – Operations Officer
0 Member of the press
0 Members of the public

OPEN FORUM

None

CS2202.1 APOLOGIES.

RESOLVED:	That the apologies received from Cllrs Karen Tweedale and Stephen Dabbs to be approved.
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CS2202.2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests declared.

CS2202.3 MINUTES

RESOLVED:	The Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee meeting held on 7 th March 2022, be approved, and signed as a correct record (Appendix 01).
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CS2202.4 COMMITTEE BUDGET.

Income and Expenditure reports, for community services and allotments, up to 30th April 2022 (Appendix 02) were received and noted.

CS2202.5 Welton Road Cemetery

Members referred to the report, and it was

RESOLVED:	(i) That the notice on the toilet door should inform the public that the facility is open for mourners that are attending services at Welton Road Cemetery (ii) That a works schedule is drawn and reviewed annually.
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CS2202.6 Independent Living.

Cllr Ogle asked members for their support on a project for him, (within his role as Councillor Ogle), to meet with residents of retirement housing complexes to advise on rules and use of mobility scooters to aid independent living.

RESOLVED:	That the Community Services Committee supports the project, recommendation to submit a completed project form to Full Council for approval.
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CS2202.7 Community Art

Members were asked to consider and approve installation of Daventry Town Council's Community Tree of Hands in new Southbrook Community Centre.

RESOLVED:	That the gifting of the piece of art that is described as "Tree of Hands" to Southbrook Community Building is approved.
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CS2202.8 Knit a Tree for the Jubilee.

Members referred to a report from the Project Officer on collaborative project between Northampton Museum and Art Gallery and Daventry Museum, and agreed the project was a nice community spirited idea, and it was

RESOLVED:	That the Committee fully supported the project
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CS2202.9 New Street Recreation

Members referred to the report on a proposal to reinstate the tennis courts on New Street Recreation Ground and unanimously supported the project but raised concerns with the long-term financial commitment in the management and maintenance of the facility.

The Operations Officer advised that there would be long term annual costs, but majority of these costs could be offset by income from the Lawn Tennis Association's (LTA) membership scheme linked to a bespoke booking app.

Members asked if the facility would be affordable. The Operations Officer advised affordable tennis for all was a priority for the LTA and details of this would be included in their project plan/report to Council.

Members unanimously agreed this was a great opportunity for the Town to reinstate the tennis courts, and it was

RESOLVED:	Daventry Town Council supports the refurbishment of the tennis courts at New Street Recreational Park on the proviso that the funding agreement meets with the Town Council's approval and financial commitments in relation to the annual management and maintenance of the facility are sustainable.
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CS2202.10 Monksmoor Allotments.

Members referred to the report on the transfer of allotments from Crest Nicholson to Daventry Town Council. On consideration of the facilities being provided by the developer, they concurred with the provision of a shelter, but were against the provision of a compostable toilet as the Town Council had no resource to manage and maintain a facility of this type. The committee further noted the need to include costs to manage and maintain this site in future budgets.

CS2202.11 Christmas Tree 2022

Members noted the report detailing options for the provision of a Christmas Tree in Daventry Town centre, and it was

RESOLVED:	The project to create a Christmas tree from crochet and knitted squares to be installed in the Town, be approved.
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CS2202.12 Town Events.

Members noted the report and praised the work of the officers in the effective engagement and extensive schedule for 22/23.

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CS2202.13 Communication.

Members noted the report and asked if the website could be expanded to include an additional function that would link and promote other external activities and organisations within the town.

CS2202.14 Correspondence.

None

CS2202.15 Date of Next Meeting

To note the date of next meeting Community Services meeting as Monday 23rd May to elect the Chair and Vice-chair and next full meeting on 4th July 2022

Meeting Closed at 19:50hrs

Signed



Date

1/8/22

