DAVENTRY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Services Committee held at 3, New Street, Daventry on Monday 7th March 2022 at 6.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr Malcolm Ogle - Chair

Councillors:
Mike Arnold
Lynn Jones
Wendy Randall
Holly Steenson
Katie Thurston
John Tippett
Lynne Taylor
Karen Tweedale

IN ATTENDANCE: Deborah Jewell – Chief Officer (CO)

0 Member of the press0 Members of the public

OPEN FORUM

None

CS2202.1 APOLOGIES.

RESOLVED:	That the apologies received from Cllrs Dabbs and Matthews 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 10 th January 2022, be approved, and signed as a correct
a	record (Appendix 01).

CS2202.4 COMMITTEE BUDGET.

Members reviewed the Community Service and allotment budgets for end of year 21/22 and noted the underspend in the events budget, due to the cancellation of many of the events due to Covid restrictions. The Chief Officer advised that monies allocated for the market events had been redirected into Platinum Jubilee commemorative events and noticeboard. The Chief Officer highlighted to members that the Events Officer was already seeing sizeable increases in quotes for events in 22/23, notably a £2k increase in the cost to hold the fireworks. Although this increase was not accounted for in the 22/23 budget, monies were available in earmarked funds to cover the shortfall.

The Chief Officer than advised members of an Operation Unite initiative to prevent Knife Crime and that an Anti-violence event was being planned for 6th May 2022. All the crime prevention agencies were to be invited and the partners were looking for monies to fund a four-hour outreach session, via the Gym Bus, which could be funded from the surplus in the Community Services events budget. Members expressed concern that many of the Operation Unite Fun Days were held at the same location, within DSLV and that alternative venues should be sought. The Chief Officer noted the request and confirmed she would feed that back to the organisers of the events.

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The allotments budget was noted.

RESOLVED:	That £300 from the events budget be approved to support the Knife Crime
	and Anti-violence event being held on 6th May 2022.

CS2202.5 TOWN EVENTS.

Members noted the report, the effective engagement and extensive schedule submitted by the Events Officer.

CS2202.6 COMMUNICATION

Members noted the report and asked if the report could include details on age and area demographics.

CS2202.7 CONSULTATIONS

- (i) Proposed Tactile Crossing, Western Avenue, Daventry members considered the proposal. Cllr Taylor advised that a similar scheme had been consulted on in 2020 but this involved a refuge further along the road which that Town Council had supported. Members agreed the although the Town Council had supported the previous scheme, the tactile crossing was a much better solution.
- (ii) Proposed Footway Drayton Way Daventry members reviewed the plans and were supportive of the scheme but requested the CO clarify that the path would extend to the crossing, as this was not clear on the plans submitted.

RESOLVED:	(i) That the Town Council support the tactile crossing located at Western
	Avenue Daventry and
	(ii) That the Town Council support the proposed footway at Drayton Way,
	Daventry

CS2202.8 20 IS PLENTY CAMPAIGN

Members discussed the advantages and disadvantages of supporting a campaign that would put a blanket speed limit on the Town of 20mph and agreed this would be impractical and it would be more beneficial to carry out a review of the speed limits in the Town and target areas that needed a reduced speed restriction.

RESOLVED:	That the Town Council does not support the 20 is Plenty Campaign for
	Daventry Town but seek to review the speed limits and agree any further
	action, if appropriate.

CS2202.9 CORRESPONDENCE.

None.

CS2202.10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

To note the date of next Community Services meeting as Tuesday 3rd May 2022.

Meeting closed at 19:30

Signed All Do

Date 3.5.22