

AMENITIES, LEISURE & COMMUNITY SERVICES **MINUTES**



Amenities, Leisure and Community Services

Tuesday 13th March 2018

Sutton Coldfield Town Hall

Present:

Cllrs Hodivala (Chairman), Hewett, Mosson, Passey and Wood.

Under item 4(v) of the Town Council Standing Orders, the Town Clerk advised Committee that for this meeting Cllr Wood would be substituting, with voting rights, for Cllr Ellis.

In Attendance:

Olive O'Sullivan – Town Clerk, Becki Leonard - Assistant Town Clerk.

Public Gallery: There were 4 members of the public present and no press representation.

Public Questions:

Zoe Toft spoke regarding the application from FOLIO for a community grant. She explained that the festival of events called Flourish, was a way of engaging with people who would not usually get involved in Bloom related projects. The events programme would be run from Sutton Coldfield library and there may be an opportunity to visit some local libraries for certain smaller events.

A local resident raised concerns about the reduced grass cutting service at Little Sutton Road and Sheperds Pool Road. The Chairman advised that Birmingham City Council is responsible for this service.

52 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Ives, Ward and Ellis.

Committee resolved to note the apologies.

53 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Hodivala stated that she had a non-pecuniary interest in a school application for the community grant funding, in so far as her children attend the school.

54 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Cllr Hewett asked to note that her name was incorrectly spelt.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of Amenities, Leisure and Community Services held on Wednesday 17th January (previously circulated) be signed as a true record of the meeting.

55 Matters Arising

Trim Trail

The Assistant Town Clerk advised that all equipment is now in place but fenced off for approximately a week to allow the new turf to establish.

Playground Enhancements

The Assistant Town Clerk advised:

- Mere Green play area - interactive play equipment funded by the Town Council has now been installed and the play area is open to the public.
- Princess Alice play area – scheduled for completion this week.
- Withy Hill Play area – the deadline for the consultation on the proposed improvements is 13th March.
- Calder Drive play area – all work completed. The site is very wet so the contractor will need to come back at a later date to complete reinstatement work to the grass edges. Some touching up required as well as a bench which is in need of painting. Due to weather conditions this has not been possible to date.

Cllr Hodivala expressed an interest in formally opening the trim trail in New Hall Valley and inviting some children from local schools.

Sea Cadets Grant Application

Committee was advised that a councillor had queried whether the Sea Cadet building is in the Vesey Ward stating that the building was actually in the Four Oaks ward and therefore the majority of the funding should have been awarded from the Four Oaks ward community grant fund as opposed to the Vesey ward community grant fund.

The Sutton Coldfield map boundaries and the postcode for the site has been checked and the location has also been verified by Birmingham Property Services as in the Vesey ward.

Committee resolved to note the matters arising.

6 Community Grant Applications

Committee considered the following applications:

Organisation	Project Summary	Amount Requested	Recommendation
Friends of Mossy Bank	<p>Improvements to Mossy Bank public open space. The original application was for £3,290 and £600 was approved to start the project. A further allocation of £2,500 was approved at the January Amenities Committee meeting subject to the Friends of providing revised costings for the works.</p> <p>In order to deliver the planned improvements, it was agreed that the equipment included in the original applications (e.g. litter picks) could be borrowed from the Town Council</p>	Vesey Ward £3098.50	<p>£2500 approved.</p> <p>Meets the criteria of protecting and improving the environment.</p>

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Four Oaks Ladies and Leyhill Bowling Club	Funding to plant bulbs and shrubs along the perimeter of the bowling green	Four Oaks ward £2334.00	Approved. Meets the criteria of protecting and improving the environment.
St Peters Church – Maney	Funding for two ‘Maney in Bloom’ events. The Church committee responsible for green issues is an enthusiastic supporter of the Town Council’s Sutton Coldfield in Bloom Bid and wish to participate in the project by tidying and improving the planting around the churchyard, including Tower Walk, which is a popular pedestrian route used by many residents. Funding would be used to purchase two large garden planters, one reclaimed teak planter and one tonne of compost. The planters are of high quality durable material.	Vesey £600	Approved. Project to be funded from the Britain in Bloom budget. Meets the criteria of protecting and improving the environment.
FOLIO	FOLIO would like to organise a Bloom related festival in the library with guest poets, artists, floristry workshops and lectures. This would encourage engagement with people who might not usually get involved in bloom.	Trinity £1,142	Approved. To be funded from Britain in Bloom budget. Meets the criteria of protecting and improving the environment
Sutton Coldfield Arts Trail	Sutton Coldfield Art Trail is requesting funding for venue costs and to promote the third annual Sutton Coldfield Art Trail which will be held on June 23 rd & 24 th 2018. This is a weekend, open studio type event across Sutton Coldfield. The aim of the art trail is to enable working artists to meet the local community and for the community to engage with artists by seeing them at work.	Four Oaks- £200 New Hall- £200 Trinity- £150 Vesey- £200 Total= £750	Approved. Four Oaks - £400 New Hall - £200 Trinity - £150 Contributing to the cultural and events programme of the town.

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Friends of Rectory Park	Friends of Rectory Park are seeking funding to improve the World War I Memorial Site at Rectory Park. This is part of an ongoing effort to improve the site to present the memorial and immediate surroundings in the best condition for centenary activities concerning World War I.	Trinity £1,385	Approved.
Moor Hall School	Moor Hall Primary School is seeking funding to further protect our environment by purchasing recycling bins for use across the school site. The suggestion for recycling bins came from the school council.	Trinity £868.23	Recommend approval of the project to the Planning and Highways Committee for funding from the Highways cleaning and improvement budget.
Whitehouse Common School	The school would like to apply for bright paper recycling bins for every classroom as well as big recycling bins in both of the playgrounds to enable children to dispose of waste separately. This fits in with their "our environment" project within school.	Trinity £889	Recommend approval of the project to the Planning and Highways Committee for funding from the Highways cleaning and improvement budget
Boldmere St Michaels FC	St Michael's Club is requesting funding to update the existing floodlights. The new planned floodlights take advantage of brand new technologies, ensuring minimal light spillage and offer an eco-friendlier light source, ensuring that there is less impact on local residents but still offering the highest quality to club members. The club operates mainly as a football club, running a wide range of teams at different age groups for both boys and girls, young adults and over 35s. The club's future plans include widening the scope of the club to the role of a community centre, offering services and support to members of the local community.	Vesey £22,720	Rejected. Does not meet the criteria for the community grant fund as this is a privately owned club.
Sutton Coldfield Park Run	The funding will be used to purchase timing equipment and software for a new Parkrun in Sutton Park which will record participant's results to the internet. Parkrun is a free run or walk open to all abilities which will take place	Four Oaks - £167 New Hall- £167	Rejected. Does not meet the criteria for the community grant.

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	every Saturday morning at 9am starting and finishing at Banners Gate in Sutton Coldfield. The 5k route is enough to challenge the fittest of individuals to try and better their time but is also not too far for somebody just starting off on a road to improving their fitness. Parkrun is open to all levels of fitness with an average of 100 people taking part every week. The nearest active parkrun to Sutton Coldfield is Kingsbury Water Park.	Trinity - £166 Vesey - £500 Total= £1,000	Committee agreed that they would be keen to consider this again once the governance arrangements for project are confirmed.
Special Olympics Sutton Coldfield	Special Olympics Sutton Coldfield is seeking funding for their 2018 revenue costs which includes room hire, operation costs and insurance to ensure longevity of the club. This will allow the club to continue to offer three nights per week of sports and training for adults with learning difficulties. There are currently 72 members who each pay £22.00 per month membership. The club has been in existence for approximately 28 years. During the year, athletes take part in several tournaments including badminton, football, swimming and carpet bowls. As well as becoming fit and active, members create life lasting friendships	Four Oaks - £2355.50 New Hall - £2355.50 Trinity - £2355.50 Vesey - £2355.50 Total= £9422	Approved. Committee resolved to fund from the social inclusion budget.
Good Hope Hospital Charity	Good Hope Hospital Charity is seeking funding to transform the children's outpatient department in Good Hope Hospital. This department sees approximately 5,500 children and teenagers every year with a number of these patients having complex treatments which require follow up appointments and procedures. Currently the department is not very child friendly and the charity would like to make it more comfortable and relaxing for patients and their families. Funding would be used to provide new signage leading up to the department and outside the department and to make the consultation rooms and phlebotomy rooms more child friendly and welcoming	Four Oaks - £2,500 New Hall - £2,500 Trinity - £2,500 Vesey - £2,500 Total= £10,000	Rejected. Committee noted that of the £226,500 required for the project only £52,500 has been raised to date and that a new proposal could be submitted by the Charity at a later date.
Banners Gate Counselling Service	Funding to support the 2018 revenue costs for the service which provides a confidential counselling service to any person having difficulties in their personal lives. There is currently a waiting list of 91 individuals for the	Four Oaks - £1,250 New Hall - £1,250	Rejected. Committee recommended that

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	service which is available every day of the week for 48 weeks of the year.	Trinity Ward - £1,250 Vesey Ward - £1,250 Total: £5,000	funding for this service is considered alongside the strategy that is being developed around Health and Well Being and Inclusion.
Home Start Birmingham	Funding to increase the number of staffing days for their administrator. The need has been identified due to an increase in referrals for services supporting families in crisis. Each family has an electronic and paper record, which is essential in monitoring the support they receive. Currently, the manager and co-ordinators are spending a great deal of time completing these records which takes away from time that could be spent supporting families and volunteers. The aim of Home Start's family support sessions is to prevent a breakdown in families, ensure children are safeguarded and help parents build better lives for themselves and their children in the local community	Four Oaks - £1,000 New Hall - £1,000 Trinity - £1,000 Vesey - £1,000 TOTAL = £ 4,000	Rejected. Committee recommended that funding for this service is considered alongside the strategy that is being developed around Health and Well Being and Inclusion
YMCA (Falcon Lodge)	YMCA is seeking funding to continue their Triple A project which involves working with vulnerable young people aged 9-18 years old that reside on Falcon Lodge. YMCA received £8,000 from the Town Council in 2016/17 and are requesting a further £8,000 to allow their work to continue. The project delivers a range of interventions intended to build young people's aspirations and ambitions. Interventions include life coaching, employer engagement programmes and family support. Two weekly evening sessions will be delivered using street work as a springboard to build young people's confidence and self-esteem and to improve awareness about the consequences of crime. Youth workers will offer young people one-to-one sessions to identify future carer and educational goals and develop action plans for their achievement. YMCA will also support families by offering support and guidance for families to build	Trinity Ward £8,000	Rejected. Committee noted that this application should be considered alongside the emerging priorities in the community plan.

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	positive relationships with their teenagers and to establish relationships with social services, housing and mental health teams. Falcon Lodge has child poverty levels of 40%-50%.		

The Committee resolves in accordance with its powers under sections 137 of the LGA 1972, to incur the expenditure set out above. In the opinion of the Committee, this expenditure is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner that is commensurate with the expenditure.

57 Defibrillators

Committee considered locations for defibrillators from the 2018/19 budget for previously approved by Council. It was agreed that Falcon Lodge Community Centre, the Harvest Fields Centre, sports and recreation facilities and shops on White House Common Road would be prioritised.

Banners Gate Community Hall has agreed to host a new defib and this will be progressed.

Two park locations have been put forward for consideration. Birmingham City Council (BCC) is looking at a process for prioritising locations within BCC parks.

Committee resolved to note the update on the new locations and progress.

58 Autism Report

The Assistant Town Clerk presented a proposal on the way forward for the Autism Service currently funded by the Town Council.

Following a six month review of the service Autism West Midlands is proposing that instead of two advice sessions a month there would be :-

- One advice session per month (excluding August)
- One group information session per month (excluding August)
- One family event in August

which would be delivered from the budget previously approved by Committee.

Committee were advised that funding for this service is approved until the end of August 2018.

Committee resolved to approve the revised proposal from Autism West Midlands.

59 Sutton Coldfield in Bloom update

The Assistant Town Clerk presented an update to Committee on the progress to date on Bloom projects and informed Committee of the details of the traffic island planting improvements approved by Planning and Highways Committee on 6th March.

The Launch event on Saturday at New Hall Hotel was well received and Cllr Hewett thanked Cllr Wood, Becki and Olive for their hard work in organising the event.

Committee resolved to:

- i) **Approve the outlined proposals in section 4 of the report and to authorise the Assistant Town Clerk to progress the proposals to deliver the various elements of the project within the approved budget parameters**
- ii) **Note the details of the traffic island planting improvements detailed in section 7 of the report**

60 Social Inclusion Network Event

Cllr Mosson provided an update on the Social Inclusion Working Group's networking event initially scheduled for the 3rd March but cancelled due to poor weather. The aim of the event is to introduce volunteering organisations to each other so that contacts could be made and joint working identified for the future. The event will be rescheduled.

Committee resolved to note the update and planned event.

61 Hope for Sutton Project

The Town Clerk presented the proposal from St James Church for the Hope for Sutton Project, Memory Café. The Proposal is for multi-sensory activities, events and familiarisation trips for people with Dementia.

Committee noted that a strategy is being developed around health and social inclusion projects and this proposal would need to be considered alongside this work. The Committee wished to note the excellent work that is being carried out at St. James. .

Committee resolved to defer the proposal so that it can be considered alongside the strategy on health and well being and social inclusion.

62 Performance updates

Committee resolved to note the report detailing performance to date against objectives.

The next Amenities, Leisure & Community Service Committee meeting has been scheduled for Tues 12th June 2018 at the Town Hall.

Meeting Closed 21:00pm

Signed as a correct record

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