

**WESTON-SUPER- MARE TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE MUSEUM ON
MONDAY 4th JULY 2022**

Meeting Commenced: 7:03 pm

Meeting Concluded: 8:40 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Sarah Codling, Roger Bailey, Peter Fox, John Crockford-Hawley, James Clayton, Pete McAleer and Helen Thornton.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Malcom Nicholson (Town Clerk), Sarah Pearse (Deputy Town Clerk), Fay Powell (Assistant Town Clerk Operational Services), Molly Maher (Senior Development Officer) and Dave Eastman (Community Response Officer).

65	<p>Election of Chairman</p> <p>Nominations for the position of Chairman were invited.</p> <p>PROPOSED BY: Councillor Helen Thornton SECONDED BY: Councillor Pete McAleer</p> <p>That Councillor James Clayton be elected as Chairman.</p> <p>A counter proposal was received</p> <p>PROPOSED BY: Councillor Bailey SECONDED BY: Councillor Fox</p> <p>That Councillor Sarah Codling be elected as Chairman.</p> <p>A straight vote was taken and carried, and accordingly it was: <i>4 for Councillor James Clayton; 2 for Councillor Sarah Codling; 1 abstention.</i></p> <p>RESOLVED: That Councillor James Clayton be elected Chairman of the Community Services Committee for the year 2022-23.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Councillor Sarah Codling for having been the Chairman for the previous year and gave thanks to the committee in his absence during his Mayoral year.</p>
66	<p>Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitutions</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Roz Willis.</p>
67	<p>Election of Vice Chairman</p> <p>Nominations for the position of Vice Chairman were invited.</p> <p>Councillor Sarah Codling was asked if she would accept the position, to which she declined. It was then:</p> <p>PROPOSED BY: Councillor Helen Thornton SECONDED BY: Councillor Peter Fox</p>

	<p>A vote was taken and carried, and accordingly it was:</p> <p>RESOLVED: That Councillor Roger Bailey be elected Vice Chairman of the Community Services Committee for the year 2022-23.</p>
68	<p>To receive Declarations of Interest</p> <p>There were none.</p>
69	<p>To approve the accuracy of the minutes of the Community Service Committee meeting held on 6th May 2022</p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting had been previously circulated with the agenda.</p> <p>Under the minute 428 regarding Street Art Trail 'Weston Walls', the year had been incorrectly noted as 2021 instead of 2022.</p> <p>PROPOSED BY: Councillor Roger Bailey SECONDED BY: Councillor Sarah Codling</p> <p>A vote was taken and accordingly it was carried.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That with the above amendment, the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.</p>
70	<p>References from other Committees:</p> <p>It was noted that there were none.</p>
71	<p>Grounds Management Report</p> <p>The report of the Assistant Town Clerk (Operational Services) was previously circulated.</p> <p>Public Toilets Grove Park Toilets were still open, whilst Ashcombe Park Toilets were still closed due to vandalism. The amount of damage to the locking mechanism, door and windows made it impractical to repair before the installation of the new doors which was due to happen imminently. It was asked when Grove Park toilets would close after the summer period. It was explained that a review would take place at the end of the summer. If they had not been vandalised members may wish to reconsider only opening in the summer months.</p> <p>A new Grounds Manager had been appointed and was due to start on the 1st August. He had come from a grounds background, with experience in managing parks and cemeteries, and worked previously for the War Graves Commission.</p> <p>It was asked if the trap cameras were still being used in the cemetery and if the footage was being shared with the public. In reply the committee was informed that they had been used for conservation purposes, but there were concerns about making the amount of wild life public knowledge, as this may increase footfall and negatively impact on the wild life. Areas of rewilding in the cemetery had attracted deer from Weston Woods.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the report be noted.</p>

<p>72</p>	<p>Report from the Community Response Officers</p> <p>The report had been previously circulated with the agenda.</p> <p>Members noted that Alexandra Parade had improved since the redesign, attracting less anti-social behavior, now the layout was more open.</p> <p>Members asked for clarification about street drinking outside Weston Museum. It was reported that there had been instances opposite the Museum, which had been causing issues for local businesses. The Street Wardens were in contact with the businesses and dealing directly with them. Whilst they could move people on, this would not solve the problem, it would just displace it.</p> <p>Members were informed that North Somerset Council had a statutory obligation to house everyone. Many members of the street community did not want to be housed or could not sustain housing. There was a day centre at Somewhere To Go. A report would be going to Town Council to decide on financial support for the organisation. Many people were sleeping in churches and shop doorways. North Somerset Council could remove sleeping bags and other possessions and take them to the Town Hall. Wardens and officers tried not to implement this too much, as it was felt they needed to be mindful and treat people sensitively and fairly. A 3-hour notice was given before you could remove anything. Members asked if there was anywhere in Weston you could legally camp for free. The new Public Space Protection Orders meant that you could not erect a tent in a public park. There had been issues in Weston Woods, with damage having been done to Worlebury Hillfort.</p> <p>Members queried the lack of report regarding the wider town, with the noticeable omission of Worle and South Ward. Members were informed that a report had been submitted.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the report be noted.</p> <p><i>Dave Eastman left the meeting at 7:42 pm.</i></p>
<p>73</p>	<p>Service Area reports:</p> <p>.1 Youth Services</p> <p>The report of the Youth Worker lead had been previously circulated with the agenda.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the report be noted.</p> <p>.2 Community Events</p> <p>The Assistant Town Clerk (Operational Services) reported that the Grounds Coordinator was now working part time Wednesday-Friday. Culture Weston would be arranging a Literary Festival, which the Town Council would be looking to get involved with.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the verbal report be noted.</p> <p>.3 Weston in Bloom</p> <p>A meeting had taken place amongst officers, including the Assistant Town Clerk (Operational Services) and the Grounds Coordinator, as well as the Volunteer Coordinator and the Deputy Town Clerk and Senior Development Officer who formed part of the Community Response Team and had experience with asset based Community</p>

	<p>Development Projects. It was explained that it was difficult to engage volunteers and that In Bloom needed to be formed out in the community with less Council intervention. The structure of In Bloom would be assessed and an alternative approach formed. More information would come back to future meetings. The Council would not be entering the national In Bloom competition this year. Members suggested reaching out to Alliance Homes about this as they had their own growing projects on allotment sites.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the verbal report be noted.</p>
74	<p>Community Resilience Update</p> <p>The report of the Senior Development Officer had been previously circulated with the agenda.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the agenda item be deferred until the next meeting, as there were no paper copies of the report available.</p>
75	<p>Street Art Trail 2021 ‘Weston Walls’</p> <p>An update report had been given at the Heritage Arts and Culture Committee the previous week. There had been 20 confirmed artists, with the headline artist being Insane 51. 12 walls had been signed up to date. Work was due to start the 23rd July and would be completed by the 31st July. Leaflets and digital maps were being created, and there were still walls to be confirmed.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the verbal report be noted.</p>
76	<p>Grant applications</p> <p>The reports of the Finance Officer had been previously circulated with the agenda.</p> <p>The remaining budget for small and voluntary grants was £11,500.</p> <p>Great Western Ambulance Charity Grant applied for £1,000 Under power: Local Government Act 1972 section 137</p> <p>Great Western Air Ambulance was a registered charity and they were seeking financial assistance of £1000. The charity provided lifesaving care to the 2.1 Million people across North Somerset, Banes, Bristol and Gloucestershire. GWAAC have attended 38 critically ill or injured patients in Weston-super-Mare already this year and last year in North Somerset 251 missions were undertaken. The monies would cover half of one life saving mission and some of the costs incurred on a daily basis such as medical equipment, fuel costs and other running and support costs.</p> <p>PROPOSED BY: Councillor Sarah Codling SECONDED BY: Councillor Peter Fox</p> <p>A vote was taken and was carried</p> <p>RESOLVED: That £1,000 be granted from the 2022/2023 small and voluntary grants budget and paid to Great Western Ambulance Charity.</p>

North Somerset British Bangladeshi Association
Grant applied for £1,000
Under power: Local Government Act 1972 section 137

North Somerset British Bangladeshi Association was an organisation which worked in the interest of their community including their social welfare and to improve their life conditions. They were seeking financial assistance of £1000. The purpose of the grant was to help local British born Bangladeshi children to learn the Bengali language, reading, writing and to preserve the Bengali heritage. The grant would benefit approximately 125 people in Weston-super-Mare.

Members noted that it was unclear what the grant would fund and that if it were for an event it should be aimed at the events grant budget instead.

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Roger Bailey

SECONDED BY: Councillor Peter Fox

A vote was taken and was **carried**

RESOLVED: To request more information as to exactly what the grant would fund from the North Somerset British Bangladeshi Association before making a decision.

The Brightwell (West of England MS Therapy Centre)
Grant applied for £1,000
Under power: Local Government Act 1972 section 137

The Brightwell (West of England MS Therapy Centre) were a registered charity based in Bristol who were seeking financial assistance of £1000. The charity currently provided treatments and therapies to people living with Multiple Sclerosis and all other neurological conditions. Currently 8 of the current 270 members (3%) lived in Weston-super-Mare and would benefit directly from this activity. The specific purpose for which the grant was sought for was to be able to continue providing therapeutic services to people with long-term neurological conditions.

Members were concerned that the grant requested would only support 8 people from Weston-super-Mare and felt that the purpose of the funding was not to replace support that should be coming from state funding. Also that this organisation was much larger than those the fund was aimed at and perhaps the criteria should be adjusted. Members were advised that there were criteria to this effect, which stated that the group applying for a grant must be based in, or serve a significant proportion of, the residents of Weston.

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Peter Fox

SECONDED BY: Councillor Roger Bailey

To award £800.00.

A vote was taken and **lost** 3 for; 3 against.

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Roger Bailey

SECONDED BY: Councillor Sarah Codling

A vote was taken and was **carried**

	<p>RESOLVED: That £500 be granted from the 2022/2023 small and voluntary grants budget and paid to The Brightwell (West of England MS Therapy Centre).</p> <p>YMCA Dulverton Group Grant applied for £500 Under power: Local Government Act 1972 section 137</p> <p>YMCA Dulverton Group was a youth club for young people aged 10-18 years old. They were seeking financial assistance to buy a new pool table which had been damaged. Over 300 young people used the youth centre which could be accessed by all three designated areas (Bournville, Coronation and The Oldmixon).</p> <p>Members felt the grant should be redirected to the Youth Council Grant Scheme.</p> <p>PROPOSED BY: Councillor Sarah Codling SECONDED BY: Councillor Roger Bailey</p> <p>A vote was taken and was carried</p> <p>RESOLVED: To recommend that the Youth Council approve the grant.</p>
	<p>There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:40 pm.</p> <p>Signed: Dated:</p> <p>Chairman of the Community Services Committee</p>

Community Response Report

Item 7

Written by Reece Evans and Wayne Hughes for Community Services Committee

South Ward Estates

Having taken over the responsibility of the south ward it has become apparent of some areas we could improve in, including but not limited to the general street cleansing, community engagement outside of the community groups already in place and maintenance of the area including parks and open spaces. We have requested our business intelligence team to create a ward profile with thorough detail.

Castle Batch

There have recently been multiple fires at Castle Batch Park, there is an ongoing investigation being led by the police with support from ourselves and the fire service. We appreciate this can be a worrying time for local residents and we are carrying out reassurance patrols for the public.

Queensway, Worle

Since the school holidays the anti-social behaviour in the area has significantly decreased, this has confirmed our thoughts that the main culprits of the anti-social behaviour are school children on their way home from school. Now that the schools have returned, we anticipate there will again be a rise in this behaviour, we are engaging early on with local schools to address the issue and deal with individuals identified.

Dartmouth Close Play Area

Recently there has been significant damage to the play area at Dartmouth Close, as this play area is in the process of being transferred from Alliance Homes to Weston Town Council, Myself and the Assistant Town Clerk have been in discussions on how we can improve the area and clean it up for when it is the responsibility of the Town council.

West Wick

Having recently met with Gemma Dando (Assistant Director at NSC) and Councillor Crew to discuss a wide variety of issues that are occurring in the area. This includes issues relating to Highways, summer lane underpass and fly tipping. We have been working with the various agencies to tackle this issue.

Italian Gardens Weston Super Mare

We are still having issues with street drinkers gathering in the Alcoves within The Italian Gardens although the group is a lot smaller than we have previously experienced. We will

continue to monitor the group and report those who breach PSPO (failing to surrender alcohol when required to do so). I am aware that some of the homeless/street drinkers have now been housed and hopefully this will have an impact in the coming weeks/months.

Waterloo Street/ Boulevard Weston Super Mare

During the month of October, Waterloo Street has seen its fair share of rough sleepers mainly encamped in the doorways of Stephen and Co estate agents, The Gospel Hall and the United Reformed church. On a number of occasions soiled and wet bedding has been removed from these locations. On Tuesday 1st November there will be a multi-agency meeting to deal with one of the problematic rough sleepers. We continue to work with our partners at all levels to lessen the impact on the wider community, that rough sleepers have. Approaches have been made to The United Reformed Church on Waterloo Street. There is a need to discuss the front steps of the church. And how we can prevent rough sleepers using the church frontage. Community response await their response.

Waterpark, Knightstone Road, Weston Super Mare

At this present time the waterpark appears to have gone quiet. There was a report of people sleeping in the wooden castle. Community response officers whilst working with YMCA outreach workers, have found no rough sleepers in the area.

Prince Consort Gardens

We have received several reports of graffiti within Prince Consort Gardens, and this has been logged with Police. Police and Community Response will increase our patrols in the area.

Grove Park

During October the park has been very busy with members of the public. At the beginning of the month, A tent was erected outside the Mayor's Parlour. This was removed after 2 days. Thankfully it has not returned The anti-social behavior has been minimal. Most days has seen community response patrolling the area. Several people have been approached and had their alcohol confiscated. There has been no rough sleeping in the shelter at the top of the park this month. And drug use within the park has not been seen.

Ellenborough Park

At the start of this month, there were 4 tents erected in the park. PSPO breaches had been issued. The 9 occupants had been spoken to and offered help in applying for accommodation. Multi-agency visits were made by community response, the police and YMCA outreach teams. During the 2nd week of the month saw all occupants served with further PSPO breaches and CPW's. On the back of this, saw the police arrest 3 of the occupants of the largest tent within the park. This allowed community response officers to

remove and dispose of the tent. To date there have been no further encampments within the park.

Community Services Committee 07/11/2022
Ellenborough Park West Events Programme
Report of the Community Wellbeing Development Officer – 26/08/2022

Members will be aware that, on the 18th of September 2021, the Town Council hosted a successful community event, called “Love The Outdoors”, to showcase Ellenborough Park West. This involved cross departmental working and was a soft launch of the park as a wellbeing space to the community. To build on the success of this initial event, and develop the park’s use as a wellbeing space, a wellbeing events programme is being created for 2023.

Hosting a range of wellbeing events in Ellenborough Park West would provide opportunities to make progress on many of the ambitions outlined in the Town Council Strategy 2020-2030. For example, it would provide opportunities to support community initiatives (1.4), strengthen social cohesion (5.6) and promote the park as a community facility (3.9). It would also align with the Town Council’s Community Outcomes, as well as national government and NHS policies.

It is hoped that a wide range of events could be offered to aid the physical and mental wellbeing of all sections of the community, with a focus on the importance of utilising green space for wellbeing.

The project is still in its early stages. At the time of writing, local wellbeing service providers have been contacted to gauge interest and begin setting up consultations. Engaging with those already working in the sector will mean that developing plans will be well-informed, and therefore more likely to provide real community value as wellbeing events.

Longer-term, it is hoped that such an events programme would improve community perceptions of the park and highlight its role as a wellbeing space. This would increase public use of the space, as well as encouraging service providers to consider the park when hosting future wellbeing events.

Members are requested to: Note the report, and await further updates as the programme develops.

Community Services Committee 12th September 2022
Community Response Efforts Evaluation
Report of the Senior Development Officer

The following document was created following the evaluation of the Town Council's Community Response Efforts from March 2020 – December 2021, against the 6 community outcomes which were agreed by this committee on 8th March 2021.

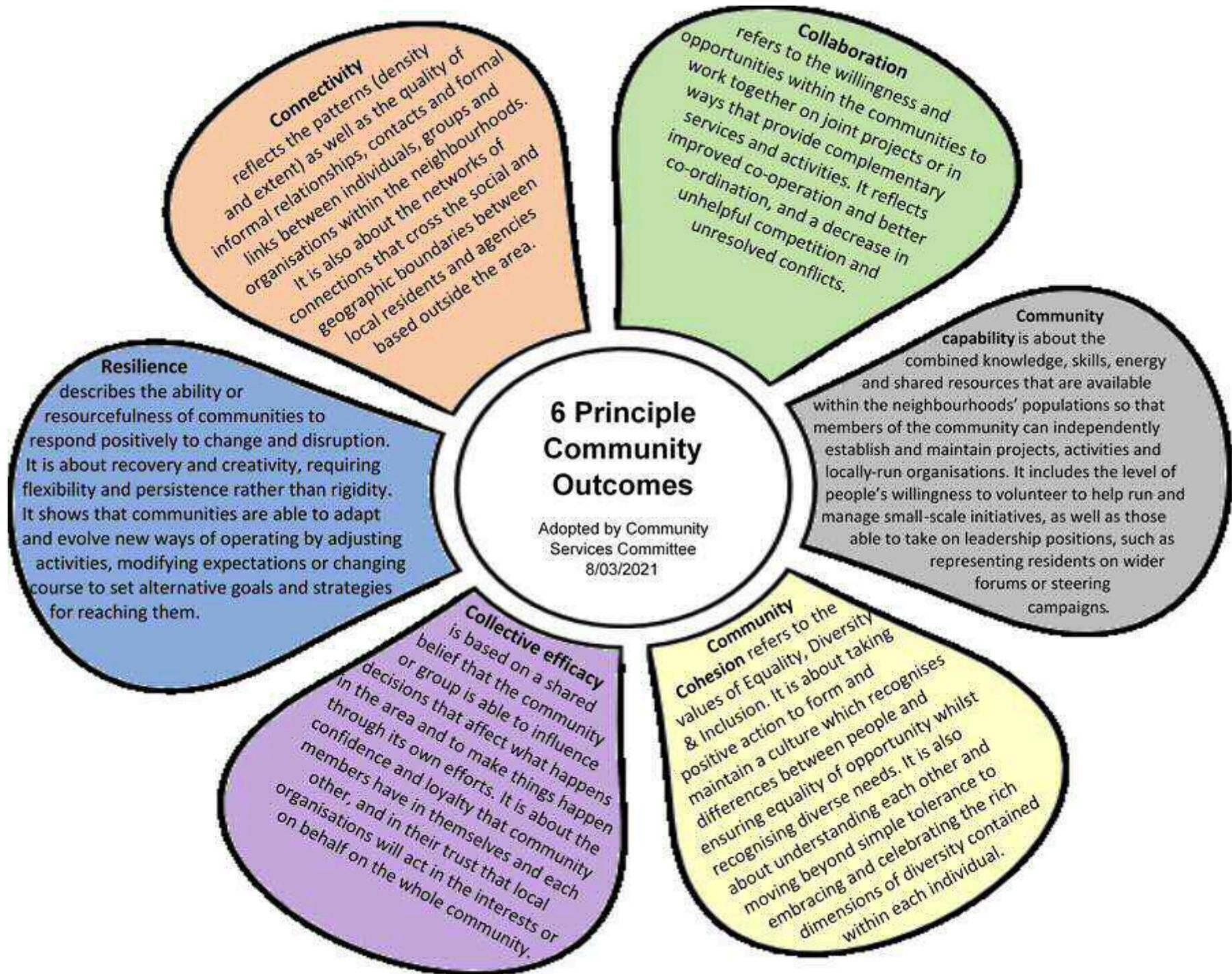
Members of the Community Response Team have included: Town Clerk's Secretary, Administration Officer, Senior Development Officer, Communications and Marketing Officer, Community & Grounds Administrator and the Volunteer Co-ordinator. This team has been utilised as and when required, and projects are overseen by the Deputy Town Clerk. Each member of the team was asked to evaluate the projects they were involved in, including:

- Covid Response Efforts
- Anti-Racism Commitment
- Cleaner coastlines – curry and conversations
- Community Fridge

These responses were collated in the following document.

Members are required to:

To provide feedback, comments and note the evaluation.



Covid Response Efforts

Project started April 2020

Outcome	How outcome was met
Connectivity	Worked with Helping People and NSC Together and ROC plus parish councils from start of pandemic in March 2020 to assist vulnerable people in society with shopping, prescriptions and general support, helped nearly 2,000 people over 15 months. This led to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked with Interculture on Allyship Training • Anti Racism meetings set up to continue TC directive • Worked with HLC, Food Bank, NSC, FareShare, Alliance Homes, Big Worle, Hubbub to set up a Food club to tackle food waste
Collaboration	Collaboration as above between partner agencies, particularly NSC, Care Connect, Social services (Adult), HLC, Interculture, Alliance Homes, ROC etc. to promote partnership working through the pandemic, and to promote food sovereignty. Networks created allowed for cross project collaborations. Effort during this time enabled the development of other projects working with community partners e.g. food clubs, community fridge etc.
Resilience	Demonstrated by the number of people who wanted to give back. Miniature support groups were developed organically between neighbours helping neighbours, and volunteers building bonds with their community, after an initial period of reorganisation, the process flowed better and became more self sufficient. Work ebbed and flowed and adapted around each lockdown.
Community capability	Growth in volunteers throughout the project. Again evident in the development of new projects within the created community networks e.g. food clubs, community fridge
Collective efficacy	Again evident in the development of new projects within the created community networks e.g. food clubs, community fridge. The food clubs especially use a model by where the community itself is involved in the development, to ensure the club is tailored to community needs
Community Cohesion	Project work was completed inclusive, opportunities for anyone who wanted to be a volunteer, and support available for anyone who wanted help. Helped us as staff to better understand the needs of the community, and identify which parts of the community require the most support. Lots of work with wards/postcodes demonstrated the diverse needs of the community, across all walks of life.

Anti-Racism Commitment

Project Started November 2020

Outcome	How outcome was met
Connectivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 organisations are invited to anti-racism monthly meetings. This includes: BME Network, Multicultural friendship association, Black Lives Matter, Polish Community, North Somerset Council, VANS, Citizens Advice, SARI etc. • 80 people from 27 organisations across North Somerset attended the training by Dawn Jarvis on ‘The effects of racism on mental health’. With 642 online views • Support and funding of ‘Black history Month’. 6 free events during October with an audience of over 500 people • Training given to Town Council staff and councillors • Polish community have a volunteer to go with them into schools for meetings with teachers • Organised free cakes from Revo to be given to volunteers from VANS as a thank you for ‘Jabs army’.
Collaboration	<p>Collaboration between Weston Museum, Weston Town Council communications and the BME network for the Queens award and Black History Month.</p>
Resilience	<p>The anti-racism working group is ever evolving as we learn more about the needs of the community. it started as staff and councillors from WSMTC. It was then recognised that we needed to get the community involved. After a couple of months of meetings facilitated by WSMTC, it was felt that a member of the community should chair the meetings, to ensure the initiative is led by the community.</p>
Community capability	<p>Black history month Weston-super-Mare will be Black History Month North Somerset 2022</p> <p>The working group promotes a share of knowledge and cross collaboration in order to meet our aims. Anyone can get involved, with groups and individuals attending meetings. Members have worked together to facilitate projects. E.g. Citizens advice have an annual project by where they bring awareness to the number of women facing domestic abuse. the working group was asked for support to ensure that this included raising awareness of the number of women facing abuse from different ethnic groups.</p>
Collective efficacy	<p>The anti-racism working group discuss issues faced by the community in order to find the best solutions. This share of information ensures the community is supported by the organisations and officers who are best placed to help. e.g. a member raised an issue concerning bullying and issues in schools which are exacerbated by race. This member was put in contact with Cllr Gibbons who is the Executive Member for Children’s Services and Lifelong Learning and the Group Leader of North Somerset Councillors. The working group discussed the possibility of volunteer translator services in order to support families in schools.</p>

Outcome	How outcome was met
Community Cohesion	<p>Community cohesion is the main aim of the anti-racism working group, hoping to promote inclusivity. However, the challenge is to make sure all groups have an equal voice when some voices are more confident than others.</p> <p>Distinctions have been made between inclusivity (anyone is <i>able</i> to get involved) and active engagement (encouraging people from <i>all</i> walks of life to get involved).</p> <p>The activities of the group aim to celebrate diversity, as well as promote tolerance.</p>

Coastlines - Curry and Conversations

Project Started October 2021

Outcome	How outcome was met
Connectivity	<p>Plastic-free WSM / Weston Chamber of Commerce have received grant funding from the Quartet Community Foundation Megawatt Community Energy Fund to host a series of six FREE Curry & Conversation workshops over the next few months to raise awareness of climate change and learn how we can all start to take small steps now to make a difference for the future of the next generations.</p> <p>We can all learn together how to measure and reduce our own carbon emissions so please join us on this important journey to net zero by 2030.</p> <p>These lunchtime sessions will be led by Naseem Talukdar of local charity Plastic Pollution Awareness & Action Projects and the free curry lunch will be provided by Chutneys Takeaway.</p> <p>We will be covering plastic pollution, recycling, food waste, nature-based solutions, fast fashion, the circular economy, energy, transport and carbon footprints amongst other things.</p> <p>WSMTC created a promotional video for Debbie Apted for these events.</p>

Community Fridge

Project Started July 2020

Outcome	How outcome was met
Connectivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project created as a result of networks created during Covid response work. Using working relationships created with a variety of organisations. • Geographic boundaries – have had support from Frome and Pill on the community fridge model. Provided advice on best practise and lessons learned. Have worked with FareShare South West, FoodShare and other regional organisations to sources food. • The community fridge has generated a large amount of positive comments on social media. • It’s hoped that the publicity of the Fridge has created footfall into the Sovereign centre benefiting other businesses. • The meetings with ‘All for healthy living’ and ‘Helping people’ have felt like an extension to the Town Council team. • The work with community fridge has created great publicity for the Town Councils including endorsement video.
Collaboration	<p>This project brings together all different sectors of the community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Government – WSMTC – enabler. NSC – provision of location • Community group – FAHLC – running the project • Local shops – providing the food for redistribution. • Community – volunteers – day to day operations. “customers” – taking the food. <p>All of the above necessary for the project to run smoothly</p>
Resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When one community group was unable to support the project (something which was required in order for the project to go ahead), we were able to bring in one of our other community partners. The project adapted over 3 iterations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ June 2020 – October 2020 – outdoor community fridge feasibility ○ January 2021 – June 2021 – indoor community fridge working with ROC ○ July 2021 – Current – indoor community fridge working with FAHLC • We recognise there is a reliance on Volunteers to carry out this project. It quite simply wouldn’t be able to open or be stocked without them and the volunteer response we have had has been amazing.
Community capability	<p>Were able to quickly find volunteers for the final iteration of the project in time for the opening of the fridge. The location in the SC has been good for word of mouth. The public is supporting the project by telling people able to fridge. Lots of unofficial referrals.</p>
Collective	<p>It is hoped that the project will eventually be self sufficient and be handed back to the community. The support of the</p>

Outcome	How outcome was met
efficacy	community will be essential for this. Not at this stage yet, will need to be developed over a couple of years.
Community Cohesion	Lots of education opportunities. Whilst the main aim of the project is food waste, lots of conversations with the public have centred around need, with people recognising that their need is not as great as others.

Report for the Community Services Meeting November 2022

Anti-racist meetings are happening on the last Tuesday of every month.

Community Fridge

The fridge of free stuff now has a website created by communications officer and co-designed with Climate change officer www.fridgeoffreestuff.co.uk to celebrate its 1st birthday.

Since being set up in November 2021, up to the end of September 2022, the Fridge of Free Stuff has saved 20.4 tonnes of CO₂e, the equivalent of 30,366 meals.

In the future, the plan is for the Fridge of Free Stuff to play an even bigger part in the community. To aid this vision a website has been created to draw attention to the fridge and the volunteer opportunities and signpost to food clubs and other environmental reuse, recycle and repurpose community organisations.

SEND Play area Castle Batch in Worle

Communications officer has been creating posters, flyers, press releases and invitations to support the funding SEND play area project in Castle batch.

WTC will be attending a community event at the Children's Centre in Castle Batch Wednesday 26 October between 12-4pm and will be discussing the play area with the public.