

**WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL  
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2016  
AT GROVE HOUSE**

**Meeting Commenced:** 7.00 pm

**Meeting Concluded:** 8.35 pm

**PRESENT:** Robert Bailey, Robert Cleland, Sarah Codling, Mark Canniford, James Clayton, Clive Darke, Michal Kus, Robert Payne, Alan Peak and Clive Webb.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Malcolm Nicholson (Town Clerk), Sally Heath (Theatre Manager), Rob Thurston (Grounds Manager), Zoe Scott (Community and Grounds Administrator), Jennifer Lawley (Secretary to the Town Clerk and Committee Officer), Tricia Brabham (Committee Officer), Kevin Lilwall (YMCA Senior Youth Work Lead) and Sarah Robinson (Weston Mercury).

<b>247.</b>	<p><b>Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitutes</b></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Lisa Pilgrim.</p> <p>Councillor Lisa Pilgrim was substituted by Councillor Clive Webb.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That apologies be received and noted.</p> <p>Councillors James Davis and Steven Kane were not in attendance.</p> <p>In the Chairman's absence, the Vice-Chairman Councillor Roger Bailey chaired the meeting.</p>
<b>248.</b>	<p><b>Declarations of Interest (Standing Order No:30)</b></p> <p>Councillor Roger Bailey declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 6 'Events for 2016 and Weston's Got Talent'. One of the potential events discussed was the Horticultural Society Flower Show at which Councillor Bailey volunteers.</p> <p><i>Standing Order 30.1 If a member has a non pecuniary interest as defined by the Code of Conduct adopted by the Council on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2012, then he/she shall declare such interest as soon as it becomes apparent, disclosing the existence and nature of that interest as required.</i></p>
<b>249.</b>	<p><b>Minutes of the Community Services Committee Meeting held on the 11th November 2015.</b></p> <p><b>PROPOSED BY:</b> Councillor Michal Kus <b>SECONDED BY:</b> Councillor Sarah Codling</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.</p>
<b>250.</b>	<p><b>References from other Committees</b></p> <p><b>250.1 Weston in Bloom Working Party</b></p>

	<p>The notes of the Weston In Bloom Working Party held on the 10<sup>th</sup> November 2015 (unapproved) had been previously circulated with the agenda.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the notes of the Weston In Bloom Working Party be received and noted.</p> <p><b>250.2 Allotment Management Sub Committee</b></p> <p>The minutes of the Allotment Management Sub Committee held on the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2015 (unapproved) had been previously circulated with the agenda.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the minutes of the Allotment Management Sub Committee be received and noted.</p> <p><b>250.3 Museum HLF Working Party</b></p> <p>The notes of the HLF Working Party held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015 (approved) and 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015 (unapproved) had been previously circulated with the agenda.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the notes be received and noted.</p> <p><i>Councillor Mark Canniford joined the meeting at 7.05pm</i></p>
251.	<p><b>Management Reports</b></p> <p><b>251.1 Youth Services</b></p> <p>The report of the YMCA Senior Youth Work Lead had been previously circulated with the agenda.</p> <p>The Senior Youth Work Lead highlighted the successful six week trial that had been undertaken at the Youth Centre Project from October 2015 to November 2015. The project was well attended and helped to reduce anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>Two funding bids had been prepared to support the initiative for an extra six months.</p> <p>A member advised the Committee that as Youth Council membership evolves newer and younger members need to be recruited.</p> <p>A member suggested the Preanes Green area would benefit from working with the YMCA as it had suffered from anti-social behaviour.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the report be received and noted.</p> <p><i>Councillor Alan Peak joined the meeting at 7.10pm</i></p> <p><b>251.2 The Blakehay Theatre</b></p> <p>The report of the Theatre Manager had been previously circulated with the agenda.</p> <p>The Theatre Manager advised members she would be meeting with Julian Franks from 1<sup>st</sup> Call Entertainment to discuss plans for the 2016 Summer Show.</p>

When questioned the Theatre Manager advised members that the Council had the responsibility for ticket sales for the Summer Show, not 1<sup>st</sup> Call Entertainment. This had been the agreement with the Winter Gardens for the 19 years the Summer Show had been held there, and had not changed when it had moved to the Blakehay.

The Theatre Manager informed members a request had been received from a new drama group, Drama International, to use the theatre as their home.

**RESOLVED:** That Drama International be authorised to name the Blakehay Theatre as its home.

### **251.3 Grounds: Parks, Cemeteries, Allotments and Bus Shelters**

The report of the Grounds Manager had been previously circulated with the agenda.

The Grounds Manager informed members that the civilian war graves information board at Milton Road Cemetery had been installed. A short memorial service had been attended by approximately 30 people.

The Grounds Manager advised members that a bus shelter at Preanes Green/Clovelly Road, Worle, was no longer on a bus route and in poor condition. Big Worle a local community project were keen to make use of it as a focal point for the community. The manufacturer and North Somerset Council had recommended that it be removed.

Debate ensued. Members expressed concern that the shelter was in poor condition and that if left in situ, would be a target for anti-social behaviour.

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor Sarah Codling

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Mark Canniford

A vote was taken and **carried**. Accordingly it was:

**RESOLVED:** That the bus shelter at Preanes Green/Clovelly Road, Worle, be removed.

The Grounds Manager advised members that the Policy and Finance Committee had included a budget allowance for the continuance of the Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Somerset Wood Recycling for 2016/17. Somerset Wood Recycling were a not for profit social enterprise. The SLA provided the Town Council with additional practical resource and supported the work of the Grounds Team.

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor Clive Webb

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Clive Darke

A vote was taken and **carried**. Accordingly it was:

**RESOLVED:** That the SLA with Somerset Wood Recycling continue during 2016/17 and that any further extensions be evaluated by the Town Clerk and Grounds Manager to confirm that the service continues to provide a value for money service.

	<p><b>251.4 Weston Museum</b></p> <p>The report of the Museum Supervisor had been previously circulated with the agenda.</p> <p>The Town Clerk reported that a grant of £50,000 had been awarded to the Museum from the Coastal Revival Fund.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the report of the Museum Supervisor be noted and received.</p>
252.	<p><b>Events for 2016 and Weston's Got Talent</b></p> <p>The report of the Community and Grounds Administrator had been previously circulated with the agenda.</p> <p>The Community and Grounds Administrator advised members that, subject to budget approval at the Town Council Meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016, the structure for community events in 2016 was:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. YMCA: £1000</li> <li>2. Christmas Lights: £1500</li> <li>3. Weston's Got Talent: £2000 (£1000 from previous year if agreed at Town Council)</li> <li>4. Event 2 £1000</li> <li>5. Event 3 £1000</li> </ol> <p>The Community and Grounds Administrator suggested that as the Horticultural Society Flower Show had been successful that the Town Council should consider supporting this event again. The second event suggested was the Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party in the Park.</p> <p>Debate ensued.</p> <p><b>PROPOSED BY:</b> Councillor Michal Kus  <b>SECONDED BY:</b> Councillor Alan Peak</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Town Council support the Horticultural Society Flower Show as an event and allocates the show £1000 from the event budget.</li> <li>2. That the remaining £1000 event budget be combined with the Mayor's Civic budget to produce an event celebrating the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, held in a location such as Grove Park which allows all members of the community to attend and join in the activities.</li> </ol> <p><i>Kevin Lilwall left the meeting at 7.53pm</i></p> <p>The Community and Grounds Administrator advised members that the heats for Weston's Got Talent would be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> April, 12<sup>th</sup> May and 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016 with a £2 entry fee per act. The final would be held in the Blakehay Theatre on the 4<sup>th</sup> June 2016. Tickets to the final would be £7.50 with each act in the final getting two free tickets. Four judges would be needed for each heat and the final.</p>

	<p>Sponsorship would be sought from local businesses. An offer had already been made by a local company to make the banners for free.</p> <p><i>Sally Heath, Rob Thurston and Zoe Scott left the meeting at 8.05pm</i></p>
253.	<p><b>Requests for Dog Bins</b></p> <p>The report of the Secretary to the Town Clerk had been previously circulated with the minutes.</p> <p>The Town Clerk informed members that funds for six new dog bins were in the budget for consideration at Town Council on the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016. Eight requests for new bins had been received. All requests had been considered by ward councillors. Four of the requests had no objections and four had objections.</p> <p>Debate ensued. In answer to a question the Town Clerk advised members he would find out if the dog bins could be cleaned when they were emptied.</p> <p><b>PROPOSED BY:</b> Councillor Clive Web  <b>SECONDED BY:</b> Councillor Sarah Codling</p> <p>A vote was taken and <b>carried</b>. Accordingly it was:</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That, subject to budget approval at Town Council, the requests for dog bins that had received no objections, be approved. The locations with no objections being:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Colonel Stephens Way, requested by Councillor Richard Tucker</li> <li>2. Uphill – entrance to Laurel Drive, requested by Councillor Roger Bailey</li> <li>3. Uphill – Totterdown Lane, requested by Councillor Peter Fox</li> <li>4. Winterstoke – Hutton Moor Lane entrance to Heywood Village, requested by Councillor Len Purnell</li> </ol> <p>The Town Clerk advised members that he had been approached by Locking Parish Council requesting that the Town Council provide a dog bin for Laney's Drive. Locking Parish Council also had power to provide dog bins itself.</p> <p>Debate ensued. The Committee noted that Laney's Drive was on the boundary of the two parishes but felt that only residents in Locking parish would benefit from a dog bin located there.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the application for a dog bin on Laney's Drive is not approved.</p>
254.	<p><b>Grit Bins</b></p> <p>The report of the Secretary to the Town Clerk had been circulated with the minutes.</p> <p>The Town Clerk advised members that there was budget this year for five grit bins, but the Town Council had only received one application.</p> <p>The application for a grit bin from a resident in Highland Close, Worlebury, was supported by North Somerset Highways. The Ward Councillor, Councillor Darke,</p>

	<p>informed members that he had visited the proposed site and it was very steep and on a corner.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the grit bin application be approved.</p>
<p>255.</p>	<p><b>Christmas Tree</b></p> <p>The Town Clerk informed members that the Christmas tree located in the Italian Gardens had to be taken down for safety reasons in both 2014 and 2015. The options open to the council included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The use of an artificial tree</li> <li>2. Moving the tree to a different location, such as Alexandra Parade</li> <li>3. Create a sump to put a tree in at Big Lamp Corner</li> <li>4. Plant a tree of between 15 and 18 foot. The Grounds Manager had advised that a bigger tree would not take well to being moved.</li> <li>5. Persist with the current location. The redevelopment of the Winter Gardens may create a wind break, therefore protecting the tree</li> </ol> <p>Debate ensued. Members identified freak weather, the removal of shrubbery from the Winter Gardens, and the quality of the tree as being possible reasons for the damage to the tree. It was noted that trees can be strapped to reduce the risk of splitting.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That a tree be planted in the Italian Gardens</li> <li>2. That Lamps and Tubes continue to supply a tree for the length of the contract</li> <li>3. That the quality of the tree and the potential of strapping the tree be discussed with Lamps and Tubes</li> </ol>
	<p>There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35 pm</p> <p>Signed: ..... Dated: .....</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Chairman</p>