

**WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7th MARCH 2016
AT GROVE HOUSE**

Meeting Commenced: 7.00 pm

Meeting Concluded: 8.25 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Roger Bailey, Robert Cleland, Sarah Codling, Clive Darke, James Davis, Catherine Gibbons, Michal Kus, Robert Payne, Len Purnell, and Clive Webb.

IN ATTENDANCE: Malcolm Nicholson (Town Clerk), Helen Morton (Finance Officer), Sally Heath (Theatre 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).

314	<p>Election of a Chairman</p> <p>The Officer of the meeting advised members that Councillor Pilgrim had stepped down as Chairman of the Committee. The Officer therefore invited nominations for the position of Chairman.</p> <p>PROPOSED BY: Councillor Michal Kus SECONDED BY: Councillor Len Purnell</p> <p>A vote was taken and carried. Accordingly it was:</p> <p>RESOLVED: That Councillor Roger Bailey be elected Chairman of Community Services Committee</p> <p>Councillor Roger Bailey was invited to take the chair.</p>
315	<p>Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitutes</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Lisa Pilgrim, Alan Peak, Mark Canniford, and James Clayton</p> <p>Councillor Lisa Pilgrim was substituted by Councillor Len Purnell. Councillor Alan Peak was substituted by Councillor Catherine Gibbons</p> <p>RESOLVED: That apologies be received and noted.</p>
316	<p>Declarations of Interest (Standing Order No:30)</p> <p>There were no Declarations of Interest.</p>
317	<p>Minutes of the Community Services Committee Meeting held on the 11th January 2016.</p> <p>Clarification was requested on minute 255, resolution 1 to specify that a Christmas Tree</p>

	<p>be planted.</p> <p>That the name Robert Bailey be changed to Roger Bailey.</p> <p>PROPOSED BY: Councillor Michal Kus SECONDED BY: Councillor Len Purnell</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the minutes with the amendments above be approved and signed by the Chairman.</p>
318	<p>Election of a Vice-Chairman</p> <p>The Chairman requested nominations for Vice-Chairman .</p> <p>PROPOSED BY: Councillor Michal Kus SECONDED BY: Councillor Len Purnell</p> <p>A vote was taken and carried. Accordingly it was:</p> <p>RESOLVED: That Councillor Sarah Codling be elected Vice-Chairman of the Community Services Committee.</p>
319	<p>References from other Committees</p> <p>Weston in Bloom Working Party</p> <p>The notes of the Weston In Bloom Working Party held on the 12th January 2016 (unapproved) had been previously circulated with the agenda.</p> <p>The Chairman noted the lack of Councillors on the Weston In Bloom committee and invited Councillors to attend.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the notes of the Weston In Bloom Working Party be received and noted.</p> <p>Museum HLF Working Party</p> <p>The notes of the HLF Working Party held on 7th January 2016 (approved) and 4th February 2016 (unapproved) had been previously circulated with the agenda.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the notes be received and noted.</p> <p><i>7.10pm Councillor Catherine Gibbons joined the meeting.</i></p>
320	<p>Youth Services</p> <p>The report of the Senior Youth Lead Worker had been previously circulated with the agenda.</p> <p>The Senior Youth Lead Worker informed members that the issues with the grant for the Local commissioning network for Central Weston had now been resolved so they could now proceed with this area of work. Positive contact had been made with the</p>

	<p>Children’s Centre, the Local Policy Community Support Officer team, the Youth Offending team and Lions life-skills as well as other Town Council services including the museum. The Senior Youth Lead Worker advised that the involvement of a Ward Councillor in the scheme would be welcomed.</p> <p>PROPOSED BY: Councillor Michal Kus SECONDED BY: Councillor Roger Bailey</p> <p>RESOLVED: That Councillor Robert Payne, Ward Councillor for Weston Central, work with the Senior Youth Lead Worker on the Weston Central Network project.</p> <p>When questioned members were advised that the Mead Vale project had stopped due to a lack of local support. The youth centre in that area had been successful, however, and had been supported by local Police Community Support Officers.</p> <p>Recruitment of new members to the Youth Council was still slow, particularly amongst the younger age groups. Letters had been sent to all secondary schools but no responses had been received. Councillor Codling was working with the Youth Council and the Mercury on a youth blog which would hopefully generate interest in the work of the Youth Council.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked the Senior Youth Lead Worker for attending.</p>
321	<p>Blakehay Theatre</p> <p>The report of the Theatre Manager had been previously circulated with the agenda.</p> <p>The Chairman of the Expenditure and Governance Working Party advised members that the proposal for the summer season – ‘Songs from the Shows’ had been reviewed by the Expenditure and Governance Working Party. The show had made a substantial loss during the summer 2015 season and on this basis would not recommend ‘Songs from the Shows’ for 2016 in its current format.</p> <p>Debate ensued. Members discussed the possibility of 1st Call Entertainment, the production company behind the ‘Songs from the Shows’, hiring the Blakehay theatre for the summer season. The Town Clerk advised members that as the programme for the summer season was due to be published before the next Community Services Committee that if a secondary proposal was made by 1st Call Entertainment, to enable ‘Songs from the Shows’ to be included in the programme, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman could make a decision on whether to go ahead and advise members at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Theatre Manager advised members that the availability of the theatre to hire was marketed predominantly by word of mouth, but also through the website and visits to local dance and drama groups.</p> <p>PROPOSED BY: Councillor Michal Kus SECONDED BY: Councillor Clive Darke</p> <p>RESOLVED: That ‘Songs from the Shows’ does not go ahead on the same financial basis as last year.</p>

322	<p>Grounds Service Management Report</p> <p>The report of the Grounds Manager had been previously circulated with the agenda.</p> <p>The Town Clerk advised members that the monkey puzzle tree was one of the original trees at the cemetery, but sadly had to be felled. A new monkey puzzle tree had been planted.</p> <p>Members were advised that the ‘Welcome to Weston’ sign on the A371 at Locking had been damaged, most likely by being hit and had been removed.</p> <p>Debate ensued. Members discussed replacing the current signs, which were 12 years old and not in the best condition, as well as new signs being needed as the town expands. Concern was expressed that the signs were dirty, and the Town Clerk advised that electrical checks are made on the signs, but a broader maintenance programme was needed. The possibility of replacing the smaller signs with one large sign was discussed.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That cost options for replacing the signs be brought to a future meeting.</p> <p>The Town Clerk advised members that the programme of repair and replacement of bus shelters approved at the Community Services meeting on the 11th January 2016 had started. A member reported that the removal of a bus shelter in his ward had been completed in an efficient and effective manner.</p>
323	<p>Weston Museum</p> <p>The report of the Museum Supervisor had been previously circulated with the agenda.</p> <p>The Chairman requested that the Museum Supervisor attend future Community Services meetings to answer questions arising from her report.</p> <p>Members voiced their appreciation for the volunteers who collectively had given over 1000 hours of their time to the museum.</p> <p><i>7.40pm Sally Heath and Kevin Lillwall left the meeting.</i></p>
324	<p>Grant Applications</p> <p>The report of the Financial Officer had been previously circulated with the agenda.</p> <p>Haywood Village Residents Association Grant applied for: £1000 Under power: Local Government Act 1972 section 137</p> <p>The application and accounts had been checked by the Finance Officer.</p> <p>Debate ensued. Members discussed the use of the grant for a Family Fun Day to support a newly developed part of Weston-super-Mare.</p> <p>PROPOSED BY: Councillor Robert Cleland SECONDED BY: Councillor Sarah Codling</p>

	<p>MOTION: To award this grant application £500.</p> <p>An amendment was then:</p> <p>PROPOSED BY: Councillor Clive Darke SECONDED BY: Councillor Len Purnell</p> <p>AMENDMENT To award this grant application £1000</p> <p>A vote was taken on the amendment and carried. It was then:</p> <p>RESOLVED: To award this grant application £1000</p>
325	<p>Public Conveniences</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 the biggest issue with the public conveniences was with anti-social behaviour. The Financial Officer advised members that members could receive 4 or 5 calls a day with three members of staff working on resolving the issues. An emergency call out for cleaning the toilets was between £100 and £200 a day, and an out of hours call to John West was £68.54. So far this year there had been 15 calls to John West. Last year there had been 109 calls to John West. Removal of needles was by North Somerset Council.</p> <p>Debate ensued. Members discussed the possibility of installing a sharps bin in Grove Park Toilets.</p> <p>The Town Clerk advised members that North Somerset Council had agreed to the sale of Locking Road Coach Park. Weston Town Council had a seven year break clause in the lease for the toilets based in the coach park. The earliest North Somerset Council could take back the toilets without agreement was 2020.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>a) That Expenditure and Governance Working Party conduct a review of the public conveniences. b) That the installation of a sharps bin in Grove Park Toilets be investigated.</p>
326	<p>Events for 2016 and Weston's Got Talent</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 the launch event was on the 26th March 2016. The Chairman requested members attend the event at the YMCA. Those Councillors volunteering to be judges should email the Community and Grounds Administrator.</p> <p><i>8.10pm The Community and Grounds Administrator left the meeting.</i></p>

327	<p>Huts at Rectors Way</p> <p>The Town Clerk advised members that Weston-super-Mare Horticultural Society rent the huts at Rectors Way for £600 a month. The money was then passed to the Allotment Club who manage and operate the allotments on the Town Council's behalf. The Horticultural Society had requested a formal renewal of the Lease.</p> <p>The Chairman informed members that he was a member of the Horticultural Society.</p> <p>PROPOSED BY: Councillor Michal Kus SECONDED BY: Councillor Robert Payne.</p> <p>A vote was taken and carried. Accordingly it was:</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the lease be renewed for 5 years at the same rent as before.</p>
328	<p>Dog Bins</p> <p>The report of the Secretary to the Town Clerk had been previously circulated with the agenda.</p> <p>The Town Clerk informed members that the Town Council had an allocated budget for six new dog bins in the next financial year. Four dog bins had been approved so there was budget for two new dog bins remaining.</p> <p>Relocation of Dog Bin 52 Current location: Pedestrian walkway that joins Osborne Road with Earlham Grove.</p> <p>A resident had requested that the dog bin be moved a few metres further down the walkway, away from residential housing.</p> <p>Appendices had been circulated which identified the current location, the proposed relocation and the dog bin's usage.</p> <p>PROPOSED BY: Councillor James Davis SECONDED BY: Councillor Catherine Gibbons</p> <p>RESOLVED: That dog bin 52 be moved to the middle of the lane.</p> <p>Request for a new Dog Bin Location: Haywood Village</p> <p>Debate ensued. Members discussed the need for a dog bin at Haywood Village. Some members raised concern that North Somerset Council should be providing all the proper facilities needed in the new development.</p> <p>PROPOSED BY: Councillor Len Purnell SECONDED BY: Councillor Sarah Codling</p> <p>That a dog bin be installed at Haywood Village.</p> <p>Three preferences for locations for the dog bin at Haywood Village were discussed.</p>

	<p>They were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First preference: Near the bus stop and footpath located on the Runway but not right next to the bus stop • Second preference: End of Glider Ave, by grit bin and pedestrian lights • Third preference: End of Glider Avenue, on the road leading to the roundabout and back to the Runway. <p>A vote was taken and was 5 for and 3 against. Accordingly it was:</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the dog bin be installed at Haywood Village as per the first preference, near the bus stop and footpath located on the Runway but not right next to the bus stop.</p> <p>Councillor Michal Kus asked his vote against this proposal to be recorded and for a letter to be sent to North Somerset Council expressing concerns regarding the lack of facilities at Haywood Village.</p>
<p>329</p>	<p>There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25 pm</p> <p>Signed: Dated:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Chairman</p>