

**WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6th MARCH 2017
AT GROVE HOUSE**

Meeting Commenced: 7.00 pm

Meeting Concluded: 8.05 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Roger Bailey (Chairman), Ray Armstrong, Sarah Codling, Clive Darke, James Davis, Michal Kus, Len Purnell and Richard Tucker

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Robert Payne, Malcolm Nicholson (Town Clerk), Helen Morton (Finance Officer), Sally Heath (Blakehay Theatre Manager), Zoe Scott (Community and Grounds Administrator), Kevin Lillwall (YMCA), Damien Erangey (YMCA), Sarah Robinson (The Mercury) and Jennifer Lawley (Committee Officer)

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Chairman invited questions and observations from parishioners present. (*Standing Order No:8*)

The Chairman welcomed John Wheatley from South West Activity Network (SWAN) to the meeting.

In November 2016 SWAN had applied for a grant of £1,248 to help towards the continuation of support for youngsters. SWAN was the Local Commissioning Network for South Ward, Weston-super-Mare, and aimed to provide activities that were stimulating and accessible for 0-17 year olds and their families. A Town Council grant had been declined as more information was required and it was resolved that a representative from SWAN be invited to attend a future Community Services Committee.

Members were advised that SWAN aimed to bring coordination to activities being offered in the area and commission a programme of activities that complemented each other in a way that made sense for local families. Photographs were circulated of youth events and activities SWAN had already coordinated. SWAN hosted bi-monthly open meetings, drawing together local youth services and organisations to co-ordinate and build programmes that met local needs and filled other gaps in youth provision. An example of a coordinated event was Picnic in the Park when 50 lunches had been provided for young people.

The Chairman thanked Mr Wheatley for his attendance and invited him to remain for the rest of the meeting if he so wished.

Mr Wheatley left the meeting at 7.10 pm.

286.	<p>Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitutes</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillors James Clayton and Mark Canniford.</p> <p>Councillor Robert Payne was in attendance to substitute for Councillor Mark Canniford. However, written notification had not been received and, therefore, Councillor Payne could not act as substitute. Nevertheless, under <i>standing order 28.2</i> with the Chairman's discretion, Councillor Robert Payne was permitted to speak but not to vote.</p> <p>Councillors Robert Cleland and Steve Kane were not in attendance.</p>
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	RESOLVED: That apologies be received and noted.
287.	Declarations of Interest (<i>Standing Order No:30</i>) There were no Declarations of Interest received.
288.	Minutes of the Community Services Committee Meeting held on the 9th January 2017 PROPOSED BY: Councillor Michal Kus SECONDED BY: Councillor Ray Armstrong A vote was taken and carried. Accordingly it was: RESOLVED: That the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.
289.	References from other Committees 289.1 Weston in Bloom Working Party (WIB) The minutes of WIB held on the 10 th January 2017 (approved and attached) and the 21 st February 2017 (unapproved and attached) had been previously circulated with the agenda. RESOLVED: That the minutes be received and noted. 289.2 Museum HLF Working Party The minutes of the Museum Working Party held on the 5 th January 2017 (approved and attached) and 2 nd March 2017 (unapproved and attached) had been previously circulated with the agenda. Members were advised that the project's completion was on target for the 27th August 2017. The Chairman gave his congratulations in acknowledgement of what had been achieved considering the complexities of the museum project. The unveiling of the first Blue Plaque was scheduled for the 30th March to commemorate Paulo Radmilovic who won 4 gold medals in Olympic Games between 1908 and 1920 in swimming and water polo. He later managed and ran the Imperial Hotel in South Parade, Weston-super-Mare. The present owners of the Imperial Hotel have given their consent for the plaque to be installed at the Imperial Pub. All members were welcome to attend the launch at 12.30 pm on the 30 th March 2017 at the Imperial. RESOLVED: That the minutes be received and noted. 289.3 A minute extract from the Policy & Finance Committee, 19th December 2017, had been previously circulated with the agenda. RESOLVED: That the minute extract with reference to the 2017/18 budget for WIB of £19,000 and Community Events of £6,500 be received and noted.
290.	Management Reports 290.1 Youth Services The report of the North Somerset Director of Operations (YMCA) had been previously circulated with the agenda.

Kevin Lilwall introduced Damien Erangey who would be attending future meetings.

The report updated members on the following:

- Youth Café YMCA Weston-super-Mare
- Community use
- Weston-super-Mare Youth Council
- Partnership projects
- Friday Night Project
- Links to the Town Council's Strategy

Members were particularly pleased at the increase of membership for the Youth Council which now stood at 17 members.

As minuted in the last minutes of the Community Services Committee and in response to the Chairman's interest on how well the accommodation at the YMCA functioned, a report was tabled.

RESOLVED: That the reports be received and noted.

290.2 The Blakehay Theatre

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

The theatre had a sell out show with Sunshine Productions' Goodnight Mister Tom, and the Theatre Manager's report updated members on the following:

- Staff Recruitment
- Marketing and Publicity Research
- Theatre Review Progress
- Hirer update
- Marketing and Publicity Working Party

Debate ensued on the loss of the regular Saturday booking hire by Drama International. A meeting had taken place between the hirer and the Theatre Manager to explore options. Three options were put before members with the recommendation that they discuss the options so that the Theatre Manager could advise Drama International.

Option 1: If it was possible at all for the current hiring fees to be halved, Drama International would stand a chance of not losing out financially as it has done for the last year. (By bringing forward the training hours to 11.00 am – 2.00 pm, there would be no need for extra payment and provision of staff for staying outside the working hours).

Option 2: The Blakehay theatre might consider Drama International running drama classes as part of their community classes provision with the view that there would be no hiring fees incurred and the Blakehay would pay £25.00 per hour for teaching fees. (Details of exact hours, number of hours etc., to be discussed).

Option 3: Drama International ceases to hire the theatre and call it their home.

With all due consideration to all options offered, members were reminded of the lengthy Blakehay Review recently undertaken by the Expenditure & Governance Working Party.

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Michal Kus
RESOLVED BY: Councillor James Davis

RESOLVED: That Option 3 be approved: Drama International ceases to hire the theatre and call it their home.

The Blakehay Theatre Logo: On the 5th January 2017, the Blakehay Marketing and Publicity Working Party chose a new logo from 8 designs for the branding of the theatre with the colour choice being settled later. The Working Party had agreed that the logo was simple and modern, and did not have the corporate or ‘council’ feel to it that the current logo had. It also clearly stated Blakehay Theatre. As a trial, the design was initially used on the ‘What’s On’ theatre guide and advertising for ‘Goodnight Mister Tom’.

Members of the Community Services Committee had sight of the design and colour of the new logo which was tabled, and members were now requested to approve the logo for use on all theatre publicity and marketing in the future. There was no proposal at this stage to include the banners on the outside of the theatre due to cost implications.

The Chairman of the Blakehay Theatre Working Party had disagreed with the choice of logo and advised members of the circumstances of its choice. The Town Clerk informed, however, that the choice of both the designer and the design had followed correct procedure.

It was recognised that a resolution would be required before the next financial year for the continuance of the new logo on all future theatre publicity and marketing. The Theatre Manager confirmed that the initial use of the new logo had been well received by hirers of the theatre.

Debate ensued during which it was proposed that a resolution on the logo’s future be postponed. Comment was made on the lack of choice and public involvement.

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

RESOLVED:

1. That the Blakehay Working Party be requested to select their top 3 logo choices from the 8 original designs.
2. That the choice of logo be put out to public consultation with the assistance of the Mercury newspaper.

The Theatre Manager and representatives of the YMCA left the meeting at 8.05 pm.

290.3 Weston Museum

Although a written Museum Management report was not available, members had received the minutes of the last meeting of the Museum’s HLF Working Party.

290.4 Grounds

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

The Community and Grounds Administrator was in attendance on behalf of the Grounds Manager.

The report updated members on the following:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weston-in-Bloom • Public Toilets • Milton Cemetery • Allotments • Bus Shelters <p>The methodology of how bus shelters were checked for vandalism, graffiti and the general state of repair was questioned. Members were advised that this occurred weekly and was a continuous programme.</p> <p>With reference to Grove Park's public conveniences, members were informed that the Town Council were working closely with the PSCOs, BID and the Wardens. The current cleaning contract was going very well and not one single complaint had been received since the change over of contractor.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the report of the Grounds Manager be received and noted.</p> <p>Members had sight of an anti social behaviour record (Appendix A) and sharps record (Appendix B). The data was collated by the Community and Grounds Administrator and related to all Town Council owned public conveniences.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That Appendix A and Appendix B be received and noted.</p> <p>A minute extract from the Policy & Finance Committee of 20th February 2017 had been circulated with the agenda.</p> <p>The Policy & Finance Committee had approved the provision of waste bins within all Town Council operated public conveniences.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the minute extract be received and noted.</p>
291.	<p>Community Events</p> <p>The report of the Community and Grounds Administrator had been previously circulated with the agenda.</p> <p>The Community and Grounds Administrator gave an update on the following approved 2017 community events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flower Show (Grove Park, one day event, 12.8.17) • Halloween (Grove Park, 31.10.17) • YMCA Summer Starter (Grove Park, date tba) • Literary Festival (Grove Park, date tba) <p>In reference to the Literary Festival, members were asked to consider combining this event with the World Book Week in early 2018.</p> <p>A vote was taken and carried. Accordingly it was:</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the report be received and noted. 2. That the Community and Grounds Administrator prepare a plan for the Literary Festival and its inclusion in the World Book Week for the next meeting.

292. To determine Grant Applications including Youth Grants

The report of the Finance Officer had been previously circulated with the agenda.

292.1 Axe District Scouts

Grant applied for: £500

Under power: Local Government Act 1972 section 137

The application and accounts had been checked.

This application had been brought back as per the Community Services Committee minute no:244 of 9th January 2017. The grant requested was for the part purchase of a gazebo.

Scouting was part of the UK's biggest, mixed youth organisations and many Scout Groups within the town required more volunteers to ensure an on going and sustainable youth provision. A display stand and gazebo would enable the organisation to attend events in the town to recruit adult volunteers and young people in a professional manner. The equipment would also be used for open evenings and other meetings to support the development of scouting in the parish of Weston-super-Mare.

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Michal Kus

SECONDED BY: Councillor James Davis

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

RESOLVED: To award this application a grant of £500.

292.2 YMCA Bridgwater

Grant applied for: £497.27

Under power: Local Government Act 1972 section 137

The application and account had been checked.

The grant requested was for the purchase of a Samba Kit for the benefit and enhancement of the current Youth & Community programme on offer in Weston-super-Mare. The aim of the programme was to encourage inclusion and interaction between inter-generational community sub groups. The grant would be ring fenced exclusively for the Weston-super-Mare YMCA branch. The total cost of the Samba Kit was £997.27. The Youth Council had already approved £500 with the balance being sought by the YMCA through a Community Services' grant.

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

RESOLVED: To award this application a grant of £497.27.

292.3 Graham Road Surgery PPG

Grant applied for: £2,500

Under power: Local Government Act 1972 section 137

The application had been checked but there were no audited accounts available. However, a fundraising statement of accounts had been provided.

The grant requested was to help provide funds for an external defibrillator in the Marine Lake area. South Western Ambulance Service had advised that there was a

	<p>need for a defibrillator in the vicinity. However, comment was made on the clinical criteria for this request, there already being one defibrillator located in the town's High Street.</p> <p>Concerns on setting a precedence were raised but members were reminded that an award of £750 towards a defibrillator in Worle had been granted. A member remarked that he would like to know the location of all the defibrillators in the town.</p> <p>PROPOSED BY: Councillor James Davis SECONDED BY: Councillor Len Purnell</p> <p>A vote was taken and carried. Accordingly it was:</p> <p>RESOLVED: To award this application a grant of £1000</p>
293.	<p>Grove Park War Memorial Sculpture – The Winged Victory</p> <p>The Town Clerk advised that he had not written a report as his investigations were inconclusive. He had not found a clear image of the Winged Victory's missing olive branch. Members were informed that contact had been made with North Somerset Council who had advised that the monument would require a survey and may need to be unbolted for restoration which could cause damage. The Memorial Trust had also been contacted for funding as the restoration would clearly be expensive. Finding the original design of the olive branch was proving very difficult and its replacement may not be possible. A clear image of the monument with her olive branch was required. The Town Clerk was exploring every avenue and was currently awaiting a response from the Imperial War Museum.</p> <p>A vote was taken and carried. Accordingly it was:</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Weston Mercury be approached for an editorial in their newspaper to find an image of Grove Park's War Memorial Sculpture – The Winged Victory - with her olive branch intact.</p>
294.	<p>CCTV</p> <p>The Chairman had requested this item as it was part of the Community Services Committee's remit. The committee had previously received CCTV reports but these had been deemed too complex to understand, too generic and members saw no value in them. Members had agreed to cease receipt of the reports unless another format could be provided. The Chairman voiced his concerns and asked whether occasional visits to North Somerset Council's CCTV operations room might be helpful. The Town Council did not pay towards the operations room but did pay for cameras.</p> <p>A vote was taken and carried. Accordingly it was:</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the CCTV reports be reinstated and brought back to the next Community Services Committee for debate on their format.</p>
	<p>There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.05 pm</p> <p>Signed: Dated: Chairman</p>