

**WESTON-SUPER- MARE TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE MUSEUM ON
MONDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2022**

Meeting Commenced: 7:00 pm

Meeting Concluded: 8:00 pm

PRESENT: Councillors James Clayton (Chairman), Roger Bailey, Peter Crew (S), Dave Dash (S), Peter Fox, Pete McAleer, Clare Morris and Helen Thornton.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Malcom Nicholson (Town Clerk), Sarah Pearse (Deputy Town Clerk), Fay Powell (Assistant Town Clerk Operational Services), Samantha Bishop (Committee Officer), Molly Maher (Senior Development Officer), Becky Walsh (Communications Officer), Zoe Scott (Community & Grounds Administrator), Reece Evans & Wayne Hughes (Community Response Officers), Howard Potheary (Safer Communities Service Manager, NSC), Jim Stanbury (CCTV NSC) and Natalie Thomas (CCTV NSC).

175	Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitutions Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Sarah Codling who was substituted by Peter Crew, Gill Carpenter substituted by Dave Dash and Roz Willis and John Crockford-Hawley with no substitutions
176	To receive Declarations of Interest There were none received.
177	To approve the accuracy of the minutes of the Community Service Committee meeting held on 4th July 2022 The minutes of the last meeting had been previously circulated with the agenda. Item 75 'Street Art' needed to reflect the correct date of 2022. PROPOSED BY: Councillor Roger Bailey SECONDED BY: Councillor Thornton A vote was taken and accordingly it was carried . RESOLVED: That with the above amendment, the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.
178	References from other Committees: It was noted that there were none.
179	North Somerset Council CCTV Howard Potheary, the Safer Communities Service Manager was invited to make his presentation.

Howard introduced his colleagues Jim Stanbury and Natalie Thomas.

The presentation outlined the context, latest updates and the CCTV control room operations.

Safer Communities Service – there were 5 strands to this, The Community Response Team, CCTV Emergency Control Room, Community Safety Enforcement, Domestic Abuse and the Violence Reduction Unit.

Jim explained since Chris Harrison had departed there were challenges with staffing and recruitment, DBS checks were taking too long to process. Staff were working day and night to cover but it was hoped to be up to full strength by Christmas. Creating a structure which was fit for purpose was the objective.

The CCTV control room operates 247, 365 days a year, with 269 cameras; 145 public surveillance and 124 council spaces.

It was queried if cameras situated at Grove Park toilets could be linked to NSC CCTV and monitored to help tackle the antisocial behavior issues there.

The Deputy Town Clerk advised that this had been requested at procurement stage but due to cost implications and connectivity issues at the site, they had been advised by NSC that it was not possible.

Despite these challenges, the CCTV control room had remained operational and successes included involvement in 3371 incidents.

The Chairman enquired what the process of getting the cameras at Grove Park toilets linked to NSC were. The Deputy Town Clerk informed that If it was now possible to link then, a quote would need to be received from NSC and agreed by full Town Council as there was no available budget for CCTV.

Jim advised that the cost of installing two 360degree cameras was approximately £4,500, with the additional cost of the annual sim cards.

Members were reminded that that the Town Council funded two mobile cameras', which could be used at the site. It was confirmed that one was already in use, so there was one available. It was suggested to utilise the camera to cover the site for an interim period while a permanent solution was sought as it was considered a worthwhile investment to combat the vandalism costs.

The Committee requested regular reports from CCTV to be received.

Members were mindful that the next Town Council meeting was the 21st November and so Howard agreed that he could discuss a quote for the installation of two 360degrees cameras to cover Grove Park toilets, within the next two weeks before the meeting.

PROPOSED BY: Councillor James Clayton

SECONDED BY: Councillor Peter Mc Aleer

A vote was taken and was **carried**

RECOMMENDATION:

1. To request the full Town Council to receive a quote from North Somerset Council and consider funding for the installation of two 360degrees cameras to cover Grove Park toilets at its 21st November Town Council meeting.
2. That as an interim measure, utilise the mobile camera to cover the site while a permanent solution was sought.

Members viewed the CCTV incident heat map and were encouraged to make any additions. The map could be embedded into the Town Council's website.

Natalie Thomas introduced herself and informed that she had been in post since September. She was aware of WsM's reputations and was excited to improve/enhance North Somerset Council's CCTV mechanisms, which was pivotal in reducing crime. She also stressed the importance of working together to tackle and wanted to modernise, improve communications and reporting.

The aim was to work with key businesses in the public sector as a starting point to identify alarm response services, lone worker protection scheme options at highly competitive rates.

Natalie informed of the Dark Monitoring, Lone Worker scheme of which they were looking to launch a mobile app for in January 2023, of which further information would come out on the services.

Natalie advised that the scheme would be initially rolled out to the workforce, with a view to offering this out to members of the public. The long-term objective was a commercial venture, but they were not at this stage yet.

The Chairman thanked Officers for their presentation.

180 Grounds Management Report

The Assistant Town Clerk (Operational Services) verbally reported on the following areas:

Toilets

Grove Park toilets remained closed and was an ongoing situation. Stickers and lights had been erected. There were no reports from other sites.

Cemetery

Seasonal grass cutting, tree planting and removal of tonnes of brash. There was a high turnout of the polish community to celebrate All souls' day, a national polish holiday which was welcoming to witness.

Allotments

A meeting with the Allotment Club had taken place to try and moderise their processes.

	<p><u>Seasonal Planting</u></p> <p>The planting of the winter bedding had been done. The previous Grounds Manager had been arranged to assist on a consultancy basis to help with sustainable planning for WIB. Remembrance planning was in motion</p> <p>Councillors were requested to inform of work in their wards that the community rangers could help with.</p> <p>The Chairman asked if work from the community support officers could be supported by this to which he was advised this could be programmed in.</p> <p>The position of Grounds Manager would be recruited after the upcoming Personnel Committee on 9th November.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the verbal report be noted.</p>
181	<p>Report from the Community Response Officers</p> <p>The report had been previously circulated with the agenda.</p> <p>Reece Evans advised that he would update the Committee with any South Ward updates when data had been received and meetings had been held.</p> <p>The Chairman requested to link in with agencies to improve CCTV links in South Ward, to which Howard advised that the 'one team' would be meeting to discuss how they could have the best impact.</p> <p>The Chairman then requested for himself and Councillor Ian Parker to be included in these meetings.</p> <p>It was noted that the work undertaken by the Community Response Officers was commendable, but they were considered let down by the inefficiency of executive members, senior staff and Persimmon Homes and a lack of reporting for ward surgery meetings.</p> <p>Wayne Hughes elaborated on the problems experienced at the Italian Gardens and Waterloo Street which were linked to mental health problems and the team were working with agencies to help and get mental health statements.</p> <p>The tent situation at Ellenborough Park was noted.</p> <p>Members noted the report and commended the Officers on dealing with such difficult circumstances. It was feared that the situation would not improve due to the cost of living. crisis. The increase in mental health linked homelessness needed to be dealt with nationally, before it could be tackled locally.</p> <p><i>Howard, Jim and Natalie left at 8.20 pm.</i></p> <p><i>Reece & Wayne left at 8.26 pm.</i></p> <p>RESOLVED: That the report be noted.</p>

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Service Area reports:

182.1 Youth Services

It was noted that a report had not been received and should be chased up.

182.2 Community Events

It was noted that there was nothing to report at this time.

182.3 Weston in Bloom

Councillor Roger Bailey tabled two proposals:

To approve budget provision for 350 bedding plants and 5 sustainable plants for Stanley's Garden.

To approve budget provision for 100 bedding plants for the three planters to be established at Forrest Dive/Cannock Chase.

To be funded from the Weston In Bloom budget and recommended the council's support for these projects.

Whilst members felt it was a worthwhile project, there were concerns that it may set a precedent and there was a lack of costings supplied.

It was confirmed that this would be funded from the current year's WIB, of which there was budget provision. However, going forward, this would need consideration to be included in future years' budgets.

The Assistant Town Clerk – Operational Services informed that the Consultant taken on to work on seasonal planting would be looking at sustainable planting for WIB and grants for future years.

It was confirmed that the total WIB budget was £16,000 and that the proposals equated to approximately £200.

The Deputy Town Clerk suggested exploring the grant criteria process for WIB.

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Roger Bailey

SECONDED BY: Councillor Peter Mc Aleer

A vote was taken and was **carried**

RESOLVED:

183.2.1 To approve the use of the WIB budget to fund 350 bedding plants and 5 sustainable plants for Stanley's Garden.

183.2.1 And 100 bedding plants for the three planters to be established at Forrest Dive/Cannock Chase.

183.2.2 That a WIB grant criteria be explored.

	<p>.4 Community Wellbeing</p> <p>The report of the Community Wellbeing Development Officer had been previously circulated.</p> <p>The Community Wellbeing Development Officer was unable to attend the meeting.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the report be noted.</p>
183	<p>Community Resilience Update</p> <p>The report of the Senior Development Officer had been previously circulated with the agenda.</p> <p>The 6 principle community outcomes within the evaluation report previously circulated and a brief update to date on the following areas was given:</p> <p>Community Fridge Food Clubs Climate & community – tree planting, green infrastructure Castle Batch Play Area Anti-Racism Wellbeing Programme Ellenborough Park Partnership relationships list</p> <p>Members welcomed the report and congratulated those involved.</p> <p>It was requested that it be reflected within the report, that the council used the idea of a community fridge from Frome Town Council.</p> <p>Members would like to see more food clubs and fridges and were disappointed that there hadn't been a premises secured in south ward yet.</p> <p>It was reported that food club challenges were securing premises and more recently, food supply. Four premises had been viewed within south ward and all were deemed unsuitable. Alliance Homes were reviewing their property stock and it was a real priority to find a premises for south ward.</p> <p>It was informed that The Campus, in Worle has been identified as a 'living room' and that Morrisons were also interested in getting on board. Details of which would be passed onto the Community Wellbeing Development Officer to look into.</p> <p>It was advised that the council were also working with Allotment holders on growing your own produce initiatives.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the report be noted.</p>
184	<p>Street Art Trail 2021 'Weston Walls'</p> <p>The Deputy Town Clerk reported that a meeting with Upfest and Culture Weston was held back in August. The meeting was really positive and Upfest have suggested that they would like to come back next year.</p>

	<p>The review of this year's event was that it worked very well and was more streamlined. Upfest would come back with three options for budget considerations for 2023/24 and a date to be confirmed.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the verbal report be noted.</p>
185	<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 £10,050.</p> <p>185.1 Weston Hospicecare Grant applied for £1,000 Under power: Local Government Act 1972 section 137</p> <p>PROPOSED BY: Councillor Roger Bailey SECONDED BY: Councillor Clare Morris</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.</p> <p>185.2 Read Easy Grant applied for £500.00 Under power: Local Government Act 1972 section 137</p> <p><i>The Town Clerk declared a personal interest.</i></p> <p>PROPOSED BY: Councillor Roger Bailey SECONDED BY: Councillor Clare Morris</p> <p>A vote was taken and was carried</p> <p>RESOLVED: That £500.00 be granted from the 2022/2023 small and voluntary grants budget.</p> <p>185.3 Weston Bay Trefoil Guild Grant applied for £500.00 Under power: Local Government Act 1972 section 137</p> <p>PROPOSED BY: Councillor Clare Morris SECONDED BY: Councillor Roger Bailey</p> <p>A vote was taken and was carried</p> <p>RESOLVED: That £500 be granted from the 2022/2023 small and voluntary grants budget.</p> <p>185.4 North Somerset British Bangladeshi Association Grant applied for £1,000 Under power: Local Government Act 1972 section 137</p>

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Clare Morris
SECONDED BY: Councillor Roger Bailey

A vote was taken and was **carried**

RESOLVED: That £1,000 be granted from the 2022/2023 small and voluntary grants budget.

185.5 Worlewind Band
Grant applied for £1,000

Under power: Local Government Act 1972 section 137

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Peter Crew
SECONDED BY: Councillor Roger Bailey

A vote was taken and was **carried**

RESOLVED: To suggest making an application to Big Worle for funding first, as a Worle based organisation.

185.6 NS PPL First
Grant applied for £987

Under power: Local Government Act 1972 section 137

RESOLVED: To note the postponement of the event and that that £987 be granted from the 2022/2023 small and voluntary grants budget.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:12 pm.

Signed: Dated:

Chairman of the Community Services Committee