

**WESTON-SUPER- MARE TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE MUSEUM ON
MONDAY 13TH MARCH 2023**

Meeting Commenced: 7:00 pm

Meeting Concluded: 8:24 pm

PRESENT: Councillors James Clayton (Chairman), Roger Bailey, John Crockford-Hawley, Peter Fox, Pete McAleer, Helen Thornton and Roz Willis, Sarah Codling, Tim Taylor (S)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Sarah Pearse (Deputy Town Clerk), Fay Powell (Assistant Town Clerk Operational Services), Wayne Hughes (Community Response Officer NSC) Youth & Community- Programmes Manager at YMCA Dulverton Group

329	Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitutions Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Councillors Peter McAleer was absent from the meeting substituted by Tim Taylor
330	To receive Declarations of Interest Cllr Bailey declare a personal interest in Wellspring Counselling Ltd and therefore abstained from the vote in section 337.
331	To approve the accuracy of the minutes of the Community Service Committee meeting held on 16TH January 2023 The minutes of the last meeting had been previously circulated with the agenda. PROPOSED BY: Councillor Peter Fox SECONDED BY: Councillor Helen Thornton A vote was taken and accordingly it was carried . RESOLVED: That the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.
332	References from other Committees: There were none received.
333	To receive the North Somerset Council CCTV Reports The CCTV reports for the period of December 2022 & January 2023 had been previously circulated. It was asked whether future reports could show trends and patterns. The Deputy Town Clerk stated that the reports produced had been down so at the request of the committee. A discussion took place about what the committee would like to see in the reports going

	<p>forward, these suggestions included summarising analysis, comparing trends from a six month to one year period.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Deputy Town Clerk took this action away to discuss the possibility with NSC CCTV.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the CCTV reports for December & January be received.</p>
<p>334</p>	<p>To receive the report from the Community Response Officers</p> <p>A report had been previously circulated. The Community Response Officer gave an overview of his report and more recent problems in the town centre. The officer discussed plans for the summer months and hot spot areas around the town where street homeless have been congregating. The Chairman asked if anyone had any questions. It was asked whether there were still ongoing issues at the Campus with young people congregating and causing general ASB. The Community Response Office stated that his colleagues were working with the local PCSO's in the area to tackle ASB and would be looking at a more proactive approach rather than reactive as was currently the case.</p> <p>There was a note of thanks for the detailed report provided by the Community Response Officer.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the be noted.</p> <p><i>Wayne Hughes left the meeting at 7:29pm</i></p>
<p>335</p>	<p>Service Area reports:</p> <p>335.1 Grounds Management Report The report of the Assistant Town Clerk (Operational Services) had been previously circulated.</p> <p>A conversation took place regarding the 'toppling of headstones' in Milton Road Cemetery and what this meant. The Assistant Town Clerk explained the process and the importance of doing it to meet Health and Safety reequipments.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the report be noted.</p> <p>335.2 Youth Services The report of the Operations Manager – YMCA had been previously circulated.</p> <p>The Operations Manager gave an overview of her report, she stated that there were three people delivering what eleven members of staff were previously. The Operations Manager was asked if their wages were an issue in regards to recruitment. The Operations Manager stated they were low but there was opportunity within the organisation for career progression.</p> <p>It was noted that Ali and the team were doing a great job.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the be noted.</p> <p><i>Ali Waller left the meeting at 7:45pm</i></p>

	<p>335.3 Community Events The report of the Community & Grounds Coordinator had been previously circulated which outlined recommendations for members consideration. The proposals outlined would create a larger event working in partnership with Culture Weston.</p> <p>PROPOSED BY: Councillor Sarah Codling SECONDED BY: Councillor Tim Taylor</p> <p>A vote was taken and accordingly it was carried.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To approve the theme “Every Story Counts” and agree a 3-day Literary Festival in October 2023 (subject to confirmation of venue capacity/dates)</p> <p>335.4 Weston in Bloom The report of Community & Grounds Coordinator had been previously circulated which outlined recommendations for members consideration.</p> <p>The Deputy Town Clerk gave an overview of the Community Engagement evening that took place at Weston Museum and the steps going forward in the future, taking a community led approach to In Bloom going forward, working with WSMTC Volunteer Supervisor to increase the number of ‘Love the Outdoors’ volunteers.</p> <p>PROPOSED BY: Councillor Roger Bailey SECONDED BY: Councillor Helen Thornton</p> <p>A vote was taken and accordingly it was carried.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To approve not to enter the national competition of Britain in Bloom 2023. 2. To note the date and time of the Weston in Bloom Engagement Evening and invitation extended for all members to attend.
<p>336</p>	<p>Community Resilience Update The Deputy Town Clerk gave an overview from the Anti-Racism meeting ‘share and tell’ event held on the 25.04.2023. The Deputy Town Clerk discussed the need to reset and repurpose this meeting and the role WSMTC has in it to enable and support it.</p> <p>A summary of this meeting would be brought to the next meeting of community services meeting for members to consider outcomes</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the verbal report be noted.</p>
<p>337</p>	<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 £5,450.</p> <p>.1 Wellspring Counselling Ltd Grant Applied for £1,000 Under power: Local Government Act 1972 section 137</p> <p>Wellspring Counselling Ltd were seeking financial assistance of £1,000. to increase the</p>

	<p>hours they are able to offer there this year.</p> <p>The Deputy Town Clerk gave an overview of the grant application.</p> <p>PROPOSED BY: Councillor Helen Thornton SECONDED BY: Councillor Sarah Codling</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>There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.24 pm.</p> <p>Signed: xxx Dated:</p> <p>Chairman of the Community Services Committee</p>