

**WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 17th MARCH 2014
AT GROVE HOUSE**

Meeting Commenced: 7.00 pm

Meeting Concluded: 8.46 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Lisa Pilgrim (Chairman), Roger Bailey (Vice Chairman), Raymond Armstrong, Clive Darke, Peter Fox, Michal Kus, Alan Peak, Simon Stokes and Rose Warwick

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillors John Crockford-Hawley and Cyril King, Malcolm Nicholson (Town Clerk), and Jennifer Lawley (Committee Officer)

PART ATTENDANCE: Helen Morton (Finance Officer), Rob Penney (YMCA), Steve Townsend (Town Centre Partnership) together with John Headford and Iain Norris (Armed Forces Day)

441.	<p>Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitutes</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Claire Kingsbury-Bell and Clive Webb</p> <p>Councillor Holly Young was not in attendance.</p>
442.	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Councillor Clive Darke advised of his involvement through the Lions Club with Go!KidsGo which was pecuniary and, therefore, he would leave the meeting during debate.</p> <p>Councillor Alan Peak advised of his involvement with The Big Worle Showbiz Choir. His involvement was not considered pecuniary and, therefore, he could remain during debate and would be permitted to make comment but had no voting rights.</p>
443.	<p>Minutes of the previous Community Services Committee Meeting held on 6th January 2014</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting had been previously circulated with the agenda.</p> <p>RESOLVED that: The minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.</p>
	<p><i>In response to Councillor Darke's and Rob Penney's request, the Chairman brought agenda items 6.1 (minute no:444) and 8 (minute no: 445) forward.</i></p>
444.	<p>Management Reports - Agenda item 6.1 brought forward.</p> <p>Weston-super-Mare YMCA and Barcode Café</p> <p>The Programme Development Officer addressed Councillors and informed of the positives over the year, since April 2013, with Barcode's reputation and increase in attendance.</p> <p>Debate ensued on the progress and integration of Barcode and YMCA which included</p>

	<p>timescales for the completion and refurbishment of the YMCA building in Bristol Road Lower. The Programme Development Officer informed of the ethos and approach to Outreach and advised on staffing, youth workers, apprenticeships, activities, opening hours and the importance of parents' trust. In response to concerns regarding the residential aspect and stewardship of young people, Councillors were assured of the policies in place for Weston-super-Mare's YMCA supported housing project.</p> <p><i>Councillor Alan Peak joined the meeting at 7.05 pm</i> <i>Rob Penney left the meeting at 7.10 pm</i></p>
445.	<p>Land at the Maltlands, Locking Castle – Agenda item 8 brought forward.</p> <p>The Town Clerk advised that he had received a communication from North Somerset Council regarding the Town Council's Section 106 enquiry for alternative use of the land at The Maltlands.</p> <p>Debate ensued on the same issues raised in previous meetings. Members were still of the opinion that the land was not suitable for allotments. The Chairman of the Allotment Management Sub-Committee together with the Amenities Officer had recently visited the site and their feedback was received. After further debate, Councillors were in agreement that they wished to retain the area as community land, possibly in the form of a play or grassed area. This also raised the issue of who would take responsibility for the land's maintenance and the Chairman suggested that it would be the Town Council's responsibility.</p> <p>The Town Clerk advised of the resolution passed at the Allotment Management Sub-Committee on the 20th February as resolved at the Community Services Committee on the 6th January 2014, that the Allotment Club be consulted reference North Somerset Council's proposal to transfer the land at a cost of £1.00. The Allotment Club were due to meet on the 18th March 2014 and an Allotment Management Sub-Committee meeting had been called for the 20th March 2014, to receive the Allotment Club's views in order for a recommendation to be made. The Town Clerk sought members' guidance and asked whether members of the Community Services Committee would delegate the final decision regarding the land at The Maltlands to the Allotment Management Sub-Committee.</p> <p>PROPOSED BY: Councillor Rose Warwick SECONDED BY: Councillor Roger Bailey</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The land at The Maltlands should remain in community use. 2. The decision of the Allotment Management Sub-Committee after consultation with the Allotment Club be actioned by the Town Clerk. 3. The Town Clerk communicate with North Somerset Council accordingly.
446.	<p>Armed Forces</p> <p>Armed Forces Day</p> <p>The reports of Steve Townsend, Town Centre Partnership, had been previously circulated with the agenda.</p> <p>Committee members welcomed Steve Townsend together with colleagues, John Headford</p>

	<p>and Iain Norris, who were organisers of the Armed Forces Day.</p> <p>This year's Armed Forces Day was scheduled to take place on Saturday 21st June 2014. The event would be situated on the Beach Lawns, adjacent to the Tropicana with the event opening officially at approximately 12.30 pm, after the Freedom of the Town event had concluded, finishing with a sunset service. The Armed Forces village and events would continue throughout the afternoon and several of the exhibitors would remain for the Air Festival on Sunday the 22nd June 2014.</p> <p>Debate ensued on advertising and PR with disappointment expressed at North Somerset Council's dilution of the Armed Forces Day event when advertising Weston's Air Festival. More PR, advertising and a higher profile for the Armed Forces Day was required.</p> <p>Freedom of the Town – 40 Commando Royal Marines</p> <p>The report of the Civic Officer was circulated at the meeting.</p> <p>Debate ensued on the historic and important occasion of the Freedom of the Town. Advertising was limited due to the measures taken with strict security and the current information lock down.</p> <p>The Chairman referring to both the Armed Forces Day and Freedom of the Town informed that the events appeared to be 'on track', and thanked Steve Townsend and his colleagues for their work and attendance at the meeting.</p> <p>RESOLVED that: Both reports of Steve Townsend and the Civic Officer be received and noted.</p> <p><i>Steve Townsend, John Headford and Iain Norris left the meeting at 7.40 pm.</i></p>
447.	<p>References from other Committees for noting.</p> <p>447.1 Notes of the Museum Working Party held on the 7th January 2014 (approved) 4th February 2014 (approved) and 4th March 2014 (unapproved) had been previously circulated with the agenda.</p> <p>The Chairman of the Museum Working Party was in attendance and members were updated on the progress of the Museum's Heritage Lottery Fund bid (HLF). He advised how costs had risen and informed of the need for extra HLF grant funding. Members were informed of the timelines associated with the HLF bid and processes, other grants applied for, together with various Working Party proposals from rebranding the museum's name, to sponsorship of the wood block flooring fundraiser initiative. The redesigned museum, the Chairman concluded, would be an asset not only to the local community but of regional significance.</p> <p><i>Councillor Rose Warwick left the meeting at 7.50 pm</i> <i>Councillor Simon Stokes joined the meeting at 7.50 pm</i> <i>Councillor Rose Warwick returned to the meeting at 7.52 pm</i></p> <p>Debate ensued.</p> <p>PROPOSED BY: Councillor Lisa Pilgrim SECONDED BY: Councillor Peter Fox</p>

	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The museum be rebranded ‘Weston Museum’. 2. The HLF bid application be increased from £750,000 to £932,000. 3. The notes be received and noted. <p><i>Councillor John Crockford-Hawley left the meeting at 8.00 pm</i></p> <p>447.2 Notes of Weston In Bloom held on the 10th and 14th January 2014 (approved) and 11th February (unapproved) had been previously circulated with the agenda.</p> <p>RESOLVED that: The notes be received and noted.</p> <p>447.3 Notes of the Community Events Working Party held on the 9th January and 4th February 2014 (approved) and 17th February 2014 (unapproved) had been previously circulated with the agenda.</p> <p>RESOLVED that: The notes be received and noted.</p> <p>447.4 Minutes of the Allotment Management Sub-Committee held on the 19th December 2013 (approved) and 20th February 2014 (unapproved) had been previously circulated with the agenda.</p> <p>RESOLVED that: The minutes be received and noted.</p>
448.	<p>Management Reports</p> <p>448.1. Weston-super-Mare YMCA and Barcode Café</p> <p>The report of Rob Penney, Programme Development Officer -YMCA, had been previously circulated with the agenda and a further report was available at the meeting.</p> <p>Debate had occurred earlier in the meeting as recorded in minute no: 444.</p> <p>RESOLVED that: The reports be received and noted.</p> <p>448.2 The Blakehay Theatre</p> <p>The report of The Blakehay Theatre Manager had been previously circulated with the agenda.</p> <p>The bookings for the hire of The Blakehay Theatre, sale of tickets and increased audience numbers had risen with the help of online ticketing and through the box office.</p> <p>Members noted the positive outcomes and debate ensued during which members were informed of a ‘Theatre Break’ initiative and further scheduled events at The Blakehay Theatre.</p> <p>RESOLVED that: The report be received and noted.</p>

449. To determine Grant Applications including Youth Council Grants

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

449.1 The Notable Club

Grant applied for: £1000

Under power: Local Government Act 1972 section 137

The Notable Club offers a lunch club for physically disabled adults, 16-60 years of age, within Weston-super-Mare. They organise outings for their members once a month and are looking for a grant to cover the cost of hiring specialist Weston & District Buses for wheelchair members.

Members noted the bank balance. The organisation had received Town Council awards in previous years and would be applying for a grant from the Mayor's Charity Ball in November. Councillors queried the age range as it was not clear whether the group's criteria accepted only 16 to 60 years or whether the youngest member was 16 and the eldest 60 years of age.

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

RESOLVED: To award this grant application the amount of £500.

449.2 Weston Mercury – Go!KidsGo!

Grant applied for: £1000

Under power: Under power: Local Government Act 1972 section 137

Councillor Clive Darke left the meeting at 8.05 pm

The Go!KidsGo! was formed to offer youth groups in the Weston-super-Mare area the chance to apply for grants of up to £1000. The grant scheme has been supported by the Lions Club and several local businesses. Last year's application was submitted through The Mercury and due to the Youth Council being inquorate the grant application was passed to the Community Services Committee. This year's grant application was submitted by a member of the Lions Club. There are no further scheduled meetings of the Youth Council this financial year.

Debate ensued. Members supported the ethos of the Go!KidsGo! grant and the group's aims but considered that the Town Council's award of a £1000 to the Lions Club should be recognised.

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

RESOLVED:

1. To award this grant application the amount of £1000.
2. That a cheque of £1000 be presented to a member of the Lions Club at the Annual Town Meeting on the 24th April 2014.

Councillor Clive Darke returned at 8.10 pm and then left the meeting at 8.15 pm.

449.3 The Big Worle Showbiz Choir

Grant applied for: £1000

Under power: Local Government Act 1972 section 137

The choir was formed in June 2013 and has 105 members and was set up through The Big Worle Project. Their grant application was for the purchase of scarves and ties as part of their uniforms to wear at concerts.

	<p>Debate ensued on the group's difficulty in accessing funding through The Big Worle Project and members' queried the cost of purchasing the proposed items.</p> <p>A vote was taken and carried. Accordingly it was:</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To award this grant application the amount of £300. 2. That a letter to the Big Worle Project be written by the Town Clerk reference access to funding. <p><i>The Finance Officer left the meeting at 8.25 pm</i></p>
450.	<p>Street Naming and North Somerset Council Weston Airfield Development and the development of land off Westbury Crescent</p> <p>The reports from North Somerset Council's Street Naming and Property Numbering Section had been previously circulated with the agenda.</p> <p>North Somerset Council received the Town Council's street naming submission on the 17th January 2014 as resolved at the Community Services Committee meeting on 6th January 2014, minute number 351.</p> <p>The Chairman was pleased to note that several street names had been approved as submitted by the Town Council. In response to a query regarding the omission of an apostrophe from Payne's Way, members were informed that North Somerset Council's policy was to exclude apostrophes from street names.</p> <p>RESOLVED that: The reports be received and noted.</p>
451.	<p>Community Events</p> <p>The Chairman of the Community Events Working Party updated members on the recent Weston's Got Talent final and circulated the event programme which was produced by Ian Williams (Weston Super Events).</p> <p>The event's final had been an incredible success with all tickets sold and a full house. Some problems had occurred which the Chairman attributed to a time deficit in preparation on the day. He praised the hard work of all those involved in organising the event and their undaunted contribution at the final.</p> <p>The Chairman's opinion was that if the event was to run again, it should be every other year, and after a short debate, members were in agreement.</p> <p>In conclusion, the Chairman of the Community Services Committee thanked Councillor Roger Bailey (Chairman of the Community Events Working Party) for all his hard work and dedicated commitment to the organisation and success of Weston's Got Talent.</p> <p>RESOLVED that: The Chairman of the Community Events Working Party be formally thanked by the Chairman of the Community Services Committee at the Annual Town Meeting on the 24th April 2014.</p>

452.	<p>CCTV Provision and Review</p> <p>452.1 CCTV Provision</p> <p>The CCTV incident summary reports to-date were previously circulated with the agenda and North Somerset Council's CCTV log books for individual wards circulated by email.</p> <p>RESOLVED that: The CCTV reports be received and noted.</p> <p>452.2 CCTV Review</p> <p>The report of the Town Clerk had been previously circulated with the agenda.</p> <p>The Town Clerk in agreement with members, considers the current CCTV reports to be insufficient in detail and information. Debate ensued on the pie chart format of the incident summary report. Councillors agreed that the summaries would be far more beneficial and meaningful if formatted as a matrix.</p> <p>Members were advised of the Town Council's remit and financial commitment to CCTV camera installations in the town which raises issues of Town Council expectations, control and what information was sought. The work of the CCTV operations room was not only surveillance but also encompassed other operations, for example CareLink alarm services.</p> <p>North Somerset Council were commencing a review of current CCTV operations. The Town Clerk had been informed that North Somerset's Officers fully intend to consult all stakeholders. Dual hatted Councillors would form part of the Review Panel.</p> <p><i>Councillor Cyril King left the meeting at 8.40 pm</i></p> <p>Debate ensued.</p> <p>RESOLVED that: Councillors Peter Fox and Simon Stokes lead in any CCTV Review Consultations between the Town Council and North Somerset Council.</p>
453.	<p>Other Transportation Matters for Consideration</p> <p>453.1 To receive notification of Disabled Parking Bay Applications</p> <p>RESOLVED that: There were no Disabled Parking Bay Applications received for the period 6th January 2014 to 17th March 2014.</p> <p>453.2 Street Trading Applications</p> <p>RESOLVED that: No objections were raised at the meeting for the following Street Trading Licence Applications and that North Somerset Council's Licensing Department be notified.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bodrum Good Food 2. Brown's Brunch Bar
	<p>There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.46 pm</p> <p>Signed..... Dated.....</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chairman</p>