

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON TOWN COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE 20 February 2024

Meeting commenced: 6:30pm Meeting ended: 7:30pm

Present:

Councillors:

Cllr G Cleeve (Chair)	Cllr L MacDonald
Cllr L Petrovic	Cllr Z Rashwan
Cllr L Smith	Cllr R Vos
The Mayor, Cllr K Rolfe	

Clerk: Admin Officer

Press: No members of the press were present

Public: No members of the public were present

56. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Coles and accepted for the reasons given.

57. Declarations of Interest

None.

58. To receive written requests for dispensation for disclosable pecuniary interests

None.

59. To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

None.

60. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

61. To approve the draft Minutes of the Community Services Meeting held on 5 December 2023

It was Proposed, Seconded and

RESOLVED: That the Draft Open Minutes of the Community Services Committee Meeting held on 5 December 2023 be approved as a correct record.

62. To note the draft Minutes of the Website, Social Media and Newspaper Panel meetings held on 15 January and 12 February 2024

It was

RESOLVED: That the Minutes from the Website, Social Media & Newsletter Panel Meetings held on 15 January and 12 February 2024 be noted.

63. To note the draft Minutes of the Environmental Strategy Panel held on 10 January 2024

It was

RESOLVED: That the notes from the Environmental Strategy Panel on 10 January 2024 be noted.

64. Budget Review

The Report was noted.

65. To consider further information from Stratford in Bloom to support their Initiatives Application

To note the Committee had received Stratford in Blooms additional information and are happy that this supports their application for Initiative Funding. The Town Council accept their application and will allocate £30,000 towards their initiative. In an emergency, an additional £5,000 could be made available if required and if the Town Council's budget allows and is subject to the need of the organisation.

It was Proposed, Seconded and

AGREED: That because the initiative amount has already been agreed, the additional information did not affect our decision. However, Stratford in Bloom will need to submit detailed information to support any future application, before it will be considered.

66. To consider the phone box on Shipston Road

A verbal update provided by Councillor J Fradgley was tabled at the meeting. After discussion, in principle the Committee were happy with the idea of a group of residents taking on the telephone box for community use. However, would like answers to the following questions for the next meeting:

1. Who are the residents?
2. How many residents are there?
3. Who will be fully responsible for the phone box?

It was Proposed, Seconded and

RESOLVED: That a formal agreement is put in place for this phone box and any other phones boxes in future and that the resident groups pay their own public liability insurance.

67. To consider bin requests on new housing developments

The Mayor, Councillor K Rolfe updated the committee on the Bishopton development. Councillors Alcock and Harding have now discovered that there was a planning agreement in place to provide bins on the estate.

Bin provision is still the responsibility of the developer until the roads are adopted.

An informal discussion has taken place between Councillor Rolfe and Councillor Cowcher (Stratford District Council) that the Planning Team at Stratford District Council look at bin provision being a condition as part of a planning application.

It was Proposed, Seconded and

AGREED: That Councillor Alcock would be asked to check what bins are being provided by the developer first before any additional bins are agreed as a residents survey would need to be conducted.

68. To consider the condition of asphalt pathways within the Cemetery

To consider the Town Clerk's verbal update which was tabled at the committee meeting regarding urgent works required to pathways in the Cemetery.

A quote was received from the Contractors currently working on the kerbing after it became evident that the pathways at the Cemetery posed a health and safety risk to pedestrians and wheelchair users.

The pathways have been roped off at the present time.

It was Proposed, Seconded and

RECOMMENDED: That in light of the safety and wellbeing of all Cemetery visitors, imperative action is undertaken. The Committee **agreed** with the recommendation for work to start promptly on the pathways.

However, going forward the Committee would like a planned programme of proactive maintenance to plan budgets accordingly.

Whilst talking about the Cemetery, Councillors requested that there be an update on the Cemetery extension land purchase given at the next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall on 16 April 2024 at 6.30pm.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7:30pm