



ANDOVER TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of Community Engagement Committee

Time and date

Thursday 13 April 2017 at 7pm.

Place

Andover Town Council Offices, High Street, Andover

Councillors Present:

Richard Rowles (Chairman) (P)

Luigi Gregori (P)

Geoff McBride (P)

Katherine Bird (P) arrived 7.01pm

Robin Hughes (P)

Richard Kidd (P)

Revd. Andy Fitchet (A)

Barbara Long (P)

Other Town Councillors in attendance: Veronika Pond

Borough/County Councillors in attendance: Cllr I Anderson.

Officers in attendance:

Wendy Coulter (**Town Clerk and RFO**) (Taking the minutes), Tor Warburton (training)

Terry Bishop of Test Valley Community Services (TVCS) gave a presentation on TVCS – finished 7.20pm.

Actions

CE 083/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs A Fitchet and M Mumford

CE 084/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

CE 085/16 MINUTES

The minutes of the Community Engagement Committee meeting held on 16 February 2017 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record. This was proposed by Cllr G McBride and seconded by Cllr R Kidd. A vote was taken. 3 For and 3 Abstentions. Passed.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community Engagement Committee meeting held on 16 February 2017 were a correct record signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

CE 086/16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cllr Veronika Pond

In regards to Andover Challenge's Programme, when did a specialist join the panel and who picked the specialist? Do the Panel act as mentors or just the specialist? Cllr G McBride answered that all Councillors were asked to join. They were asked to think of a challenge and then find mentors to support the challenges. The mentors are not on the grant panel. Only one challenge is awarded the grant. Cllr G McBride stated that Councillors only mentor the grant application. Agreed that the terms of reference need to be reviewed to make this clear. Cllr McBride laid out the time frame of the scheme. Once paperwork is ready it goes to grant panel who will either agree, reject or return with 'some amendments' needed.

Cllr B Long asked when it was hoped the grant would be awarded and would it be announced at Council Meeting. Cllr McBride responded that it was hoped to be awarded within the next 2 months and that it would have to come back to the Community Engagement Committee before being announced at Council.

Cllr Iris Anderson

Thanked Cllr K Bird for thanking TVBC for putting up WWII memorial benches. Cllr I Anderson asked if the grant awarded to A-Fest from TVBC could be presented to them as a cheque. The Town Clerk agreed that it could be presented to the Youth Council after 4 May 2017. Any photo shoot would have to take place after Purdah. It was agreed that Youth Council would be asked to add this to their next Agenda.

Cllr V Pond

Cllr V Pond asked where the memorial benches were to be located and was told that 2 are to go to St Mary's church, 1 to Vigo recreational ground, 1 to Saxon Fields, 1 to the hospital and one held for the redevelopment near the Town Mills.

CE 087/16 A-FEST 2017

An update was received on A-Fest 2017. It was noted that it was going very well and the finances were looking to come out in the black. It was agreed that the discussion regarding approval of next year's date be moved to the next meeting.

CE 088/16 PROMS IN THE PARK

An update was received regarding the Proms in the Park. The cancellation insurance was now in place and the gambling license has been applied for. Cllr. S Hardstaff had organised for the tickets to be sold on line. Lottery Grant had not yet been applied for as more proof of community inclusion is needed.

CE 089/16 REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

Grants Working Group: It was noted that at the next Committee meeting a further update would be forthcoming.

Website Working Group: The website has been updated with the Councillors information. New Councillors are yet to be added. It was noted that the 'news' needs to be updated. Youth Council have expressed an interest in having a website presence. Cllr G McBride to attend next Working Group meeting. Cllr Long and McBride to meet with Town Clerk to discuss Youth Council website.

WW1 Benches Working Group: The WW1 bench acquisition was started within the Working Group but now was taken outside of it. A meeting was held with the Art Room to discuss involving schools with perhaps making some art e.g. poppies. Cllr B Long to approach Test Valley Borough Council to see if they wished to have a more active involvement in the 2018 service. The Football league was keen to do an Armistice Match in 2018. It was noted that the library window was already booked for this year, therefore the display would be for two weeks inside the library from 10 July this year.

Emergency Plan Working Group – no update.

Business Plan Working Group – no update.

It was noted that at the next Electors meeting there should be more visibility for Andover Youth Council, Andover Challenges Programme and A-Fest.

Media Plan – to be considered at the next meeting of the Committee.

CE 090/16

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members noted the date and time of the next Community Engagement Committee meeting, **Thursday 25 May 2017 in the Guildhall.**

Meeting closed at 7.54pm.



