



FLITWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 7th May 2024 at the Rufus Centre

Present:

Cllr Thompson (Chairman)
Cllr Toinko
Cllr Wilsmore
Cllr Gleave
Cllr Connell
Cllr Livens
Cllr Platt
Cllr Snape
Cllr Roberts

Stacie Lockey –Town Clerk (TC)

Zoe Putwain – Community Services Officer (CSO) ZP

Darren Bushby – Public Realm Supervisor (PRS)

1173. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no Councilors absent from the meeting.

1174. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive Statutory Declarations of Interests from Members in relation to:

- (a) No disclosable Pecuniary interests in any agenda item were declared.
- (b) No non-Pecuniary interests in any agenda item were declared.

1175. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman thanked the Committee and Officers for the support over the last year and offered to talk to any Members that would like insight into being a chairman in the future.

1176. **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

No members of the public attended the meeting.

1177. **INVITED SPEAKER**

There were no invited speakers at the meeting.

1178. **MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

Cllr Toinko asked for clarity as to the wildflower verges, cutting schedules and locations. The PRS confirmed the locations of the sites as follows –

Millenium Park
Station Rd
Hinksley Park

A site plan of Hinksley was requested where there are different projects, to allow for clarity. The PRS explained that the last cutting of the Wildflower sites had been in April to enable them to grow over the summer season.

Discussion was held about overseeing the wildflower verges and their progress, with the suggestion that the Environmental Working Group monitor this.

Action – PRS / Cllr Toinko

1179. MINUTES

- a. For Members received and adopted the minutes of the Community Services meeting held on **Tuesday 5th March 2024** with no amendments.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Community Services Minutes held on Tuesday 5th March with no amendments.

Action – Reception

1180. MATTERS ARISING

- a. Members raised no comment in relation to the Minutes of the Community Services Committee Meeting on **Tuesday 5th March 2024**.

1181. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

No items were included for consideration.

1182. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- a. **Play Area Update**

The Town Clerk explained the difference between life expectancy of equipment and Officer discretion as to requirements to repair or replace items before the life expectancy was reached. It was discussed that sometimes financially the equipment would cost a substantial amount to repair and replacement before life expectancy may be financially viable. It was confirmed that a full report on all play areas with life expectancy and costings would be brought to the Community Services Meeting in July, to enable planning to build up an EMR to cover the cost.

The path running from Coniston Road to the Hub car park was mentioned as deteriorated, although the PRS confirmed that MOT had been used to fill in the damage. It was suggested that looking to have tarmac in the area to make the park more accessible.

Introducing dog bins to areas with high waste was discussed with the review to contacting CBC in relation to finding out what options were available specifically on the Naseby and Trafalgar Sites.

A time scale for work that was identified at Hinksley Park was requested, the PRS confirmed that there was no date currently.

Action – AO

Councillors asked if Officers had been made aware of the Anti-Social behavior in Beaumont Road that a resident had made them aware of. It was confirmed that there had been no reports to the Town Council in relation to this, but this would be noted and relayed to the relevant parties.

b. Officer Update

Members thanked the Community Services Team for their perseverance at the Woodland 50th celebration event with the extreme weather conditions.

Updates were given on the report –

- The coffee morning at the Village Hall raised £187.
- The Pride AF Drag Bingo event had only 26 tickets remaining.
- Defib training 47 people booked.

The Summer program was credited as a great achievement with special mention being given to CSO Sue Quinn for achieving the funding.

1183. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

No members of the public attended the meeting.

1184. EXEMPT ITEMS

The following resolution will be **moved** that is advisable in the public interest that the public and press are excluded whilst the following exempt item issue is discussed.

It was **RESOLVED** to move item 1184 **A** and **B** to exempt.

a. Confidential Reports

Members noted the Confidential report.

b. Youth Provision Report

Members Noted the Youth Provision Report.

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the public bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Council **resolve** to exclude the public and press by reason of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted.