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COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting held on Thursday 10 April 2014 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Matlock at 6.00pm

PRESENT

Councillor Jennifer Bower - In the Chair

Councillors Jacque Bevan, Sue Burfoot, Albert Catt, Tom Donnelly, Cate Hunt, Tony Millward, Mike Ratcliffe, Lewis Rose OBE, Jacque Stevens, Colin Swindell, Philippa Tilbrook, Judith Twigg, Jo Wild.

Paul Wilson (Corporate Director), Peter Foley (Corporate Director), Sandra Lamb (Head of Corporate Services), Tim Braund (Head of Regulatory Services), Rob Cogings (Head of Housing), Beverley Booth-Jones (Legal Assistant), Karen Ludditt (Senior Accountancy Assistant), Hayley Gower (Secretary) and Jackie Cullen (Committee Assistant).

2 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jacque Bevan and Geoff Stevens MBE. Councillors Albert Catt and Cate Hunt attended as substitute members.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Rob Short of Matlock Town Team spoke in relation to that organisation's request for permission to operate a weekly stall market from Parkhead, Hall Leys Park, Matlock.

418/13 – MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Colin Swindell, seconded by Councillor Cate Hunt and

RESOLVED
(unanimously)

That the minutes of the meeting of the Council meeting held on 16 January 2014 be approved as a correct record.

The Minutes were signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman agreed to alter the order of business to allow matters relating to the attending members of the public could be dealt with first.

419/13 – REQUEST FOR WEEKLY STALL MARKET, HALL LEYS PARK, MATLOCK

The Committee considered a request from Matlock Town Team to run a weekly stall market at Parkhead, Hall Leys Park. It was proposed to run an initial ten-week pilot as part of the “Love your Market” campaign and, if successful this would become a regular event.

It was moved by Councillor Jacquie Stevens, seconded by Councillor Mike Ratcliffe and

RESOLVED That Matlock Town Team be permitted to operate an outdoor
(Unanimously) Market from Parkhead, Hall Leys Park on the basis outlined in the report.

420/13 – REVIEW OF DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

The Committee considered a report that set out the methodology employed during the recent Review of the following discretionary grant schemes.

- .Arts Development
- Band Concerts
- Bus Shelter Grants
- Community Fund
- Ernest Bailey Trust
- Grants to Open Churchyards
- Museums
- Partnership Scheme in Conservation Areas (PSiCA)
- Play Development
- Village Hall Grants
- Village Parking Scheme

The findings and the options considered in relation to each scheme were included in the report. A series of recommendations were then developed based on the conclusions reach by the Review team, in consultation with Members and grant recipients.

It was moved by Councillor Lewis Rose, seconded by Councillor Mike Ratcliffe and

RESOLVED 1. That the recommendations of the Review be adopted, as
(Unanimously) follows:

- a. That Arts Development, Band Concerts, Community Fund and Grants to Open Churchyards be combined into one revenue grant fund
- b. That £2,000 be removed from the new revenue grant fund and that 4 payments of £500 annually be made to each of the festivals currently funded out of the Arts Development Grant
- c. That the remaining budget for the new revenue grant fund be reduced from £16,907 to £10,000
- d. That negotiations be opened with DDCVS with the intention of them administering the new revenue grant fund
- e. That a service level agreement be drawn up with DDCVS

- setting out the parameters for the revenue grant fund, including advertising, application criteria, decision making process, payment arrangements and reporting
- f. That Play Development, Village Halls and Village Parking be combined into one capital grant fund
 - g. That the budget for the capital grant fund be reduced from £50,000 to £30,000
 - h. That negotiations be opened with DDCVS with the intention of them administering the new capital grant fund
 - i. That a service level agreement be drawn up with DDCVS setting out the parameters for the capital grant fund, including advertising, application criteria, decision making process, payment arrangements and reporting
 - j. That webpages be developed that direct would be applicants to the new schemes
 - k. That Bus Shelter Grants be removed from the list of grant schemes available from the District Council
 - l. That the principles under which the Ernest Bailey Trust funds are administered remain unaltered
 - m. That clearer guidance be developed to assist applicants for the Ernest Bailey Trust and to guide decision making
 - n. That the Ernest Bailey Trust fund be advertised year round on the Derbyshire Dales website
 - o. That applications for the Ernest Bailey Trust be moved to the Derbyshire Dales website
 - p. That the District Council enter into negotiations with the Peak District Mining Museum with the intention of reducing the current grant (£11,500) to zero over 3 years (or less)
 - q. That funding to the Partnership Scheme in Conservation Areas remain unaltered at present
 - r. That funding to the Partnership Scheme in Conservation Areas be reviewed alongside the general review of the scheme with partners in 2015/16
 - s. That better information on the Partnership Scheme in Conservation Areas be uploaded to the Derbyshire Dales website
 - t. That first point of call for all grant schemes be transferred (with proper guidance and instruction) to Customer Service Team
 - u. That an annual report be introduced summarising the achievements of the new grant funds

2. That an implementation team comprising the members of the Discretionary Grants Review Team, the Head of Community Development and the Estates and Facilities Manager be established to realise the recommendations detailed in 1, above.
3. That the thanks of the Committee to the Review Team be recorded.

421/13 – DRAFT HOUSING STRATEGY – 2017/18

The Committee considered a Draft Housing Strategy designed to make the case for housing investment and to set out the District Council's broad approach to housing in the Derbyshire Dales. It proposed the following objectives:

- To continue to enable new, affordable homes for local people
- To seek to ensure that appropriate services for vulnerable households are in place
- To respond to the needs of residents experiencing poor housing conditions

The Draft Strategy also contained a number of consultation questions designed to guide responses concerning the Council's proposed approach. It also sought to undertake some scenario planning around the availability of future resources.

It was moved by Councillor Jo Wild, seconded by Councillor Mike Ratcliffe and

RESOLVED
(Unanimously)

1. That the draft Housing Strategy be approved for consultation with the wider community and partner agencies
2. That, following that consultation, the final version of the Housing Strategy be presented to the Committee for approval.

422/13 – DERBYSHIRE DALES LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME 2014-17

This item was considered as a matter of urgent business as a decision was needed prior to the next scheduled meeting of the Corporate Committee, to which it would normally be presented. The Chairmen of both Committees had agreed to its consideration by the Community Committee.

The report explained the changes that had occurred within the national planning framework and the consequent need for a revised scheme to be in place prior to the examination in public of the Derbyshire Dales Local Plan.

It was moved by Councillor Lewis Rose OBE, seconded by Councillor Tony Millward and

RESOLVED
(Unanimously)

That the Derbyshire Dales Local Development Scheme 2014-2017, appended to the report, be brought into effect immediately.

423/13 – REVIEW OF IPAD PILOT

This item was considered as a matter of urgent business as a decision was needed prior

to the next scheduled meeting of the Corporate Committee, to which it would normally be presented. The Chairmen of both Committees had agreed to its consideration by the Community Committee.

The report provided a summary of the iPad Pilot to date and noted that a full report would be presented to the Corporate Committee in June 2014.

When the Corporate Committee approved the iPad Pilot in June 2013 it also considered the practice whereby some Members have emails to their Derbyshire Dales address auto forwarded to their personal email accounts. This facility is in breach of the controls required for connection to Government IT systems via the Public Service Network (PSN) and has the potential for data protection breaches through email being forwarded to unsecure systems. A decision on the permanent withdrawal of this facility was, therefore, required.

12 Members currently re-direct official email to a personal address and one uses webmail to retrieve them via his personal pc. Both methods constitute a breach of the IT security policy. The Members concerned had been advised of the need to cease this practice.

An alternative means of access was available via the laptops issued to Members by the Council. However, 10 of the Members concerned did not currently have Council provided hardware and it was, therefore, suggested that the most expedient and pragmatic solution was to provide those Members with an iPad.

It was moved by Councillor Geoff Stevens, seconded by Councillor Jo Wild and

RESOLVED
(Unanimously)

1. That the report be noted.
2. That auto diverts of mail to personal email addresses cease with immediate effect
3. That webmail as a feature for accessing emails on personal pc equipment cease with effect from 23 April 2014.
4. That iPad are purchased for the 10 Councillors currently without a Council provided device with the purchase price to be funded from the unspent commitment set aside for the iPad Pilot.

MEETING CLOSED 7.10PM

CHAIRMAN