

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, MARKET PLACE, NEWBURY
ON MONDAY 16 DECEMBER 2019 AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT

Councillors Jeff Beck; Martin Colston; Nigel Foot; Chris Foster; Jon Gage; Roger Hunneman; Olivia Lewis; David Marsh; Sarah Slack; Martha Vickers.

In Attendance

David Ingram, Community Services Manager

Jo Lempriere, Community Services Officer

34. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Leader of the Council, Councillor Martin Colston, presided over the election of the Chairperson.

PROPOSED: Councillor Roger Hunneman

SECONDED: Councillor Martha Vickers

RESOLVED: That Councillor Olivia Lewis be elected as Chairperson of the Community Services Committee for the remainder of Municipal Year 2019/2020.

Councillor Olivia Lewis took the Chair for the remainder of the Committee meeting.

PROPOSED: Councillor Martin Colston

SECONDED: Councillor Sarah Slack

RESOLVED: That Councillor Martha Vickers be elected as Vice-Chairperson of the Community Services Committee for the remainder of Municipal Year 2019/2020.

35. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

36. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

The Community Services Manager declared that Councillors Jeff Beck, David Marsh and Martha Vickers are also Members of West Berkshire Council, which is declared as a general interest on their behalf and a dispensation is in place to allow them to partake in discussions relating to West Berkshire Council business.

37. MINUTES (appendix 1 of the Agenda)

PROPOSED: Councillor Martin Colston

SECONDED: Councillor Roger Hunneman

RESOLVED: Following an amendment to item 27. Homelessness Strategy Group, the minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on 23 September 2019, be approved.

Requested amendment *“It was agreed that Councillor Martha Vickers would provide ongoing written updates to be included in the Full Council agendas once per Annum after February.”*

38. QUESTION AND PETITIONS MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were none.

39. MEMBERS QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

There were none.

40. COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGERS REPORT (appendix 2 of the Agenda)

The Community Services Manager’s report was noted.

The Community Services Manager confirmed to Members that all NTC’s buildings had been surveyed, and a programme of works has been prepared.

41. GREEN SPACES WORKING GROUP – NEWBURY IN BLOOM (appendix 3 of the Agenda)

41.1. The minutes of the 24th October & 21 November 2019 meetings were noted

41.2. PROPOSED: Councillor Jon Gage

SECONDED: Councillor Martha Vickers

RESOLVED: That Newbury Town Council will manage the Newbury in Bloom Competition 2020 delegated to the Green Spaces Working Group

41.3. PROPOSED: Councillor Jon Gage

SECONDED: Councillor Olivia Lewis

RESOLVED: That Newbury Town Council will manage the entry to Regional Finals (Thames & Chiltern) of Britain in Bloom 2020

- 41.4. PROPOSED:** Councillor Jon Gage
SECONDED: Councillor Martha Vickers

RESOLVED: That the Newbury in Bloom Working Group Activity Plan 2019/20 as set out in Appendix 3a of the Agenda be approved.

- 41.5. PROPOSED:** Councillor Martin Colston
SECONDED: Councillor Olivia Lewis

RESOLVED: That the delegation of the expenditure approval for Newbury in Bloom costs, agreed in the 2020/21 Budget (Budget Code 4710) to the Green Spaces Working Group (subject to Financial Regulations) be approved.

42. ALOTMENT STEWARDS MEETING (appendix 4 of the Agenda)

The minutes of the Allotment Stewards meeting of 22 October 2019 were noted.

43. FORWARD WORKING PROGRAMME FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE 2019/20 (appendix 5 of the Agenda)

43.1. The contents of the Forward Work Programme were noted

43.2. Councillor Martin Colston requested that the conclusions of the City Recreation Ground and Skyllings Consultations be included in the March programme.

44. CITY RECREATION GROUND CONSULTATION (appendix 6 of the Agenda)

- PROPOSED:** Councillor Martin Colston
SECONDED: Councillor Olivia Lewis

RESOLVED: That the budget submission to Policy & Resources Committee for this project in a sum of £ 160,000 over a 3 fiscal year period 2020/21 to 2023/4 to enhance City Recreation Ground in accordance with the Plans submitted & cost Plan in appendix 6b of the Agenda, be approved subject to outcome of Public Consultation and funding being available in the following years from Section 106 or CIL funding allocations.

45. SKYLLINGS PLAY AREA (appendix 7 of the Agenda)

- PROPOSED:** Councillor Jeff Beck
SECONDED: Councillor Olivia Lewis

RESOLVED: That the option for the future development of the Skyllings Play Area as set out in Appendix 7a of the Agenda, be approved subject to outcome of consultation with Residents & competitive costings being obtained.

PROPOSED: Councillor Jeff Beck
SECONDED: Councillor Olivia Lewis

RESOLVED: That funding to a value not exceeding £24,000 be put aside by Policy & Resources Committee for the project in 2020/21 be approved.

46. REVIEW OF COMMUNITY SERVICES 2019/20 BUDGETS (appendix 8 of the Agenda)

46.1. The Members reviewed the Officers' proposal for the Community Services Budget for the 2020/21 financial year, as attached at Appendix 8

46.2. Councillor Jon Gage requested that the budget line (360/4710) Newbury in Bloom be increased by £2000, from £5000 to £7000, in line with the 2019/20 budget line.

46.3. PROPOSED: Councillor Olivia Lewis
SECONDED: Councillor Martin Colston

RESOLVED: That the submission of the Amended Draft Budget proposal be brought to the Policy & Resources Committee for consideration on 20 January 2020

47. SERVICES REVENUE FOR 2020/21 FINANCIAL YEAR (appendix 9 & 9A of the Agenda)

47.1. The Members reviewed the proposals for Service Revenues for 2020/21 and allotments for 2021/22 as attached at Appendix 9 of the Agenda.

47.2. There were no additions, amendments or deletions made, before inclusion of this in the draft budget for the Policy & Resources Committee's consideration on 20 January 2020.

47.3. PROPOSED: Councillor Martin Colston
SECONDED: Councillor Martha Vickers

RESOLVED: That the revised Services Revenues for the financial year 2020/21 and in advance the Allotment Charges for 2021/22 as at Appendix 9A of the Agenda be brought to the Policy & Resources Committee on 20 January 2020.

48. THE BUS SHELTER IN ALMOND AVENUE 1302 0033 (appendix 10 of the Agenda)

PROPOSED: Councillor David Marsh
SECONDED: Councillor Martin Colston

RESOLVED: That subject to confirmation that the relocation of this shelter does not compromise anything in respect of the proposed new redevelopment around the Station, the relocation of this Shelter from Almond Avenue to Station Road, by "Bus stop W" was approved

49. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

PROPOSED: Councillor Martha Vickers

SECONDED: Councillor Roger Hunneman

RESOLVED: That under Section 1, Paragraph 2 of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business (agenda item 17) because publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

50. VICTORIA PARK SUBCOMMITTEE (appendix 11 of the Agenda)

50.1. The Members were given an update on the current plans for the proposed community café and changing rooms from the Community Services Manager

50.2. PROPOSED: Councillor Roger Hunneman

SECONDED: Councillor Olivia Lewis

RESOLVED: That the Victoria Park Sub-Committee are to proceed with the proposal to incorporate the Environment Agency requirements in the scheme design.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRPERSON THANKED ALL THOSE IN ATTENDANCE AND DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.05 pm.

CHAIRPERSON