

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, MARKET PLACE, NEWBURY
ON MONDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 7.00PM**

PRESENT

Councillors Howard Bairstow; Lynne Doherty (named substitute); Adrian Edwards; David Fenn; David Fish; John Gardner; Sarah Greenall; Arthur Johnson; Margo Payne; Martha Vickers

In Attendance

Hugh Peacocke, Chief Executive Officer
Jo Lempriere, Community Services Officer

20. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors: Kuldip Singh Kang, & James Fredrickson

21. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

The Chief Executive Officer declared that Councillors Adrian Edwards, Anthony Pick and Howard Bairstow 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.

Cllr Adrian Edwards declared an interest in item 14 – Tenancy at Will, Derby Road, as he is a Trustee of Newbury Almshouses Trust, so will not be taking part in the discussions.

22. MINUTES

PROPOSED: Adrian Edwards

SECONDED: Howard Bairstow

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on 4 June 2018, be approved and signed by the Chairperson.

23. QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were none.

24. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

Cllr Martha Vickers asked the following question:

“This Council has shown its awareness of the need to encourage pollinating insects by planting wild flowers on its land. Could the Council also reconsider the mowing regime of its Parks and Open Spaces in order to encourage more wild grasses and flowers and prolong their flowering?”

If the Council decides to do this would it also consider following the example of other Councils and situate small flags in the long grass which declare, 'Don't Mow Let It Grow'. Thus, informing the public that this is not due to neglect?”

Chairperson Response:

“Thank you for your question. We will discuss the matter with our Grounds Maintenance Contractors and advise you of the outcome in due course.”

Supplementary Question from Cllr Vickers:

“I believe the District Council are doing something similar, as we have the same Contractors, can we do the same?”

Chairperson Response:

“As we have already stated, we will discuss this with our grounds Maintenance Contractors.”

25. ALLOTMENT AWARDS

The 2018 Allotment Awards as attached at Appendix 2 of the Agenda were noted and the presentations to the winning tenants and allotment site were carried out.

26. COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER’S REPORT

The Community Services Manager’s report was noted.

27. VICTORIA PARK WORKING GROUP

27.1 The Victoria Park Working Group minutes of 24 July 2018 were noted.

27.2 **PROPOSED:** Councillor David Fish
SECONDED: Councillor Adrian Edwards

RESOLVED: That the revised Terms of Reference for the Victoria Park Working Group were accepted, with the amendment to remove the name of David Smith, and change it to Community Services Manager until one is appointed.

27.3 **PROPOSED:** Councillor David Fenn
SECONDED: Councillor Adrian Edwards

RESOLVED: That the suggested names for pathways within Victoria Park, **Elsie Way** – Pathway alongside Nursery School, **Oldmarsh Lane** – Pathway between Bowls Club and Tennis Courts and **Walden Way** – across Bandstand, were agreed.

28. NEWBURY MARKET

PROPOSED: Councillor Martha Vickers
SECONDED: Councillor Margo Payne

RESOLVED: That the amendments to the Market Regulations were approved.

29. DETACHED YOUTH WORKING

The meeting considered the report from the CEO and feedback on the detached youth worker programme run by Thatcham Town Council. It was decided if Berkshire Youth should consider applying for a grant for this project and be advised that they need to register with the Good Exchange website by 30th October 2018, in order for their project to be considered by Newbury Town Council’s Grants Sub Committee.

30. VICTORIA PARK CCTV

PROPOSED: Councillor Miles Evans

SECONDED: Councillor Howard Bairstow

RESOLVED: To accept the Officers recommendations to approve Option 2, to increase the CCTV provision in Victoria Park and provide the necessary funding of £9,109.00 +VAT from the unspent £12,000.00 Town Centre CCTV fund.

31. TREE PLANTING PROGRAMME FOR TOWN DESIGN STATEMENT

PROPOSED: Councillor Howard Bairstow

SECONDED: Councillor Martha Vickers

RESOLVED: To approve the proposed tree-planting programme as set out in the Town Design Statement, with funding from the Council's CIL receipts.

32. CONDITIONS OF HIRE FOR NEWTOWN ROAD CEMETERY CHAPEL & GROUNDS

PROPOSED: Councillor Martha Vickers

SECONDED: Councillor John Gardner

RESOLVED: That the amendment to the conditions of hire, as recommended by Officers be approved.

33. TENANCY AT WILL, DERBY ROAD

PROPOSED: Councillor Howard Bairstow

SECONDED: Councillor Arthur Johnson

RESOLVED: i) That the Committee grants a Tenancy at Will to the Newbury Almshouses Trust on land at Derby Road and that the Council's seal is affixed to the tenancy.
ii) That officers explore possible re-development opportunities on this land, either by the Council, or by the Newbury Almshouses Trust or in partnership, and report back to the Committee for approval to consult the public on any proposals to develop or transfer ownership of this land.

34. VICTORIA PARK EMBANKMENTS (SOUTH-WEST BOUNDARY OF VICTORIA PARK)

PROPOSED: Councillor Howard Bairstow

SECONDED: Councillor Martha Vickers

RESOLVED: That the Council takes on the maintenance of the embankments at Victoria Park and that the licence from West Berkshire District Council be signed.

35. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2018/19

The Forward Work Programme was noted.

Councillor Adrian Edwards requested the inclusion of consideration for a "Community Cricket Pitch" be added to the City Recreation Ground Consultation.

Councillor Margo Payne requested the inclusion of "Britain in Bloom" on the forth-coming agendas.

The Committee congratulated Councillor Sarah Greenall, Chair of the Newbury in Bloom Working Group, all the members of the Working Group and the officers of the Council involved in the success of this year's Newbury in Bloom campaign and the Awards Evening held in The Corn Exchange on 19 September 2018.

36. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

PROPOSED: Councillor Adrian Edwards

SECONDED: Councillor Miles Evans

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 18) because publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

37. NEW CAFÉ AND SPORTS CHANGING ROOMS FOR VICTORIA PARK

PROPOSED: Councillor Adrian Edwards

SECONDED: Councillor Miles Evans

RESOLVED: To approve the proposals for the construction of a new café and sports changing rooms for Victoria Park as detailed in appendix 13 of the agenda.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRPERSON THANKED ALL THOSE IN ATTENDANCE AND DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.03pm.

CHAIRPERSON