

Droitwich Spa Town Council

MINUTES of the meeting of the COMMUNITY AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber at St Richard's House, Victoria Square, Droitwich Spa on Monday 13 January 2020 at 6.15 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs C Bowden (Chairman)
Councillor EJ Bowden
Councillor NR Griffiths
Councillor AH Laird
Councillor CM Murray

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors RG Beale, GR Brookes, Mrs JM Chaudry, G Duffy, J Grady, A Humphries and AM Sinton.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors DM Craigie, Mrs K Fellows, RP Hopkins, RJ Morris & WT Moy (Ex- officio)

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were none.

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231. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor G Duffy declared a non –pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 8- the Wychavon District Council, Community Recognition Awards in that he had recently made a nomination direct to WDC.

232. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY & AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 11 NOVEMBER 2019

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Community & Amenities Committee held on 11 November 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

233. TO RECEIVE THE ESTIMATES 2020/2021 AND REVIEW OF CHARGES.

To consider the Community & Amenity Committee Draft Estimates for the Municipal Year 2020/2021 including the Review of Charges & Fees with accompanying comparison details. The Town Clerk went through and explained all of the Income and Expenditure apportioned to the Community & Amenities Committee as part of the Town Council's Estimates for 2020/2021. This covered all services, fees and charges within the Committees remit [*report circulated and explained in conjunction with the Resources Committee meeting (following) and precept setting*]. There were no questions arising.

RESOLVED That the information be noted and the Draft Estimates for the Municipal Year 2020/2021 including the presented Review of

Charges & Fees, within the remit of the Community & Amenities Committee be recommended to Full Council for consideration on 27 January 2020.

234. MAYFLOWER 400 EVENT- 4 JULY 2020

To receive a verbal update from the Town Clerk regarding funding applications and arrangements. The Town Clerk reported that two external funding applications had been submitted in the period close to Christmas 2019 , these being to the Arts Council and The Big Lottery. The outcomes for these applications are anticipated in the next few weeks and will enable the scope of the Event budget to be finalised. The full arrangements for the Event cannot be fully decided or made public until the bid outcomes are known in order to ensure that the consideration and underwriting processes for external funding are not jeopardised. Once the outcomes are known and budget determined the programme and publicity arrangements will be scheduled. It is hoped to include wider community outreach and engagement for participation and volunteering opportunities at that time and to enable a six months lead in period to the event date on 4 July 2020. In the meantime Officers have collaborated with Mrs Caroline Davis from OPUS Events on various component aspects including supplementary sponsorship options and stakeholder engagement. The next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for 23 January 2020 at which time it is hoped to report further information.

RESOLVED That the information be noted.

235. VE DAY ANNIVERSARY 2020

The Chairman invited Councillor A Humphries to update on the emerging ideas and plans for this year's Celebration Event. Councillor Humphries reported that the local Branch of the Royal British Legion had met on 11 January 2020 in order to consider possibilities for a suitable celebratory event in the Town to mark this important anniversary. The consensus reached by the Legion was for an afternoon traditional street party in the High Street on Friday 8th May 2020, which is an official Bank Holiday this year to accord with the anniversary date. More information will be updated as the arrangements progress further.

Councillor AH Laird suggested that a pig roast may be a suitable option. Councillor GR Brookes made reference to the bollards and diversion route signage already in place which helps facilitate a road closure for the High Street. Councillor Humphries added that the Norbury Theatre wished to participate with period dress costumes and actors representative of the 1945 era.

RESOLVED That the information be noted.
That the Town Council supports the proposals in principle to be a befitting celebration of the VE Day Anniversary for 8th May 2020.

236. SALTFEST 2020

Councillor AH Laird updated that he and Councillor DM Craigie had recently withdrawn from the Organising Committee for the Salt Fest and closed down the Bank Account. The three way collaboration with Mr Simon Berry from the Gardeners Arms Public House had worked well during last year and achieved a very successful event in September 2019. Going forward the decision had been reached to hand the

arrangements over solely to Mr Berry to organise the event for 2020 on an entirely commercial basis. Councillor Laird added that he wished Mr Berry continued success with Salt Fest for the future.

RESOLVED That the information was noted.

237. WYCHAVON DISTRICT COUNCIL – COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARDS

The Town Clerk updated that nominations are invited to be submitted through the Assistant Town Clerk no later than Monday 27th January 2020. *[details circulated for information purposes]*

RESOLVED That the information was noted.

The meeting concluded at 6.40 pm

Chairman of Committee

02 March 2020

Chairman of Council

27 January 2020