

Droitwich Spa Town Council

MINUTES of the meeting of the COMMUNITY AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE held by conference call on Monday 6 July 2020 at 6.15 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs C Bowden (Chairman)
Councillor RJ Morris (Vice Chairman)
Councillor WT Moy (Ex- officio)
Councillor EJ Bowden
Councillor Mrs K Fellows
Councillor NR Griffiths
Councillor CM Murray

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors RG Beale, GR Brookes, G Duffy, J Grady, A, Humphries, RP Hopkins, DJ Morris and AM Sinton.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor DM Craigie

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55. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest made

56. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY & AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 8 JUNE 2020

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Community & Amenities Committee held on 8 June 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.

57. GRANT APPLICATION

The Committee were updated how in the absence of the scheduled Grant Appraisal meeting in June we had had an urgent request from the registered charity SpeakEasy NOW. They were requesting a grant of £2500 for Covid-19 support for all members, staff and volunteers to ensure essential operational income is maintained and safe working practices are adhered to, within government/public health guidelines. The Committee agreed that it was important to support the charity, with Councillor Richard Morris also suggesting there may be further support available to charities through Wychavon District Council.

RESOLVED That the grant of £2500 be awarded to SpeakEasy NOW and information for Wychavon District Council funding sources be passed on.

58. HERITAGE MUSEUM AND TIC UPDATE

Provisions are currently being put in place to allow for the re-opening of the Heritage Museum and Tourist Information Centre in early July. These will include:

- Hand Sanitiser points at entrance and information desk
- A one way system for entrance/exit and around the museum
- A perspex screen at information desk to protect staff and volunteers
- Risk assessments for all volunteers before returning to work

A full risk assessment of the museum will also be completed before re-opening to ensure all Government/public health guidelines for Covid-19 are in place to protect all staff and visitors. Councillor Moy thanked the Town Clerk and staff for organising all the necessary arrangements to enable the centre to re-open with all Covid-19 safety precautions in place.

RESOLVED That the information was noted.

59. CARD PAYMENTS

To assist with the Governments advice with regards to using contactless payments wherever possible because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Cash handling is an integral part of the daily operations for the TIC and Town Council office. It is recommended to accord with safe working practices that options to upgrade and enable cashless payments using merchant card facilities are referred for consideration as part of the Resources Committee next agenda.

RESOLVED That the information was noted and will be considered at the next Resources Committee meeting.

The meeting concluded at 6.25 pm

Chairman of Committee
14 September 2020

Chairman of Council
28 September 2020