

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 10 September 2018 at 6.15pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs S Harris (Chairman)
Councillor A Laird (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Mrs C Bowden (Ex-officio)
Councillor W Moy

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors A Sinton, G Duffy, R Beale, A Roberts, R Brookes & R Murphy.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors Ms J Bolton, Mrs K Tomalin, Mrs A Hawkins, S Best & A Humphries (committee members), R Morris, T Noyes & L Evans.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were none.

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101. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Mrs S Harris declared an interest in Agenda Item 4, points 3 & 4 – Droitwich Spa Fairtrade Group & Westbury Celtic Youth FC grant recommendations.

102. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE HELD ON 2 JULY 2018

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 2 July 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

103. GRANTS APPRAISAL PANEL – RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 3 September 2018

[Declarations of interest were made by Councillor Mrs S Harris as recorded in Minute No. 101 above]

The Committee considered the recommendations for grant allocation.

RESOLVED That the following grants be approved,

1. Westlands First School – No Award. Did not attend and request issued 3 September 2018 whether they wish to proceed further.
2. King George V Sports C.I.C. Ltd – No Award, rescheduled to attend Grants panel on 29th October 2018
3. Droitwich Spa Fairtrade Group - £500.00
4. Westbury Celtic Youth FC - £3000.00

5. Droitwich Spa Library - No Award, rescheduled to attend Grants panel on 29th October 2018

Fund Available = £6990.00

Total approved recommendations 3rd September 2018 =£3500.00

Remaining fund = £3490.00

Next Grants Appraisal Panel Meeting – 29th October 2018.

Councillor Laird, Chairman of the grants committee, stated how disappointing it was that so many of the applicants did not turn up to the meeting and therefore could not, at this time, receive a grant.

104. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON – 24TH NOVEMBER 2018

The Committee was informed of how the plans for the Christmas lights switch on day were progressing, following a meeting with the Chair of the Committee, the Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk. It was noted that the day would maintain arrangements in a similar format to the past few years. There would also be a design a Christmas card competition for students in Key Stage 1 at the Town's First schools. Details of this would be forwarded to the schools in the coming weeks. Final details will be advised at the next Community & Amenities Committee Meeting on 12 November 2018.

105. MAYFLOWER 400 PROJECT

Councillor Alex Sinton updated the Committee about proposed plans for an event to mark the 400th anniversary of The Mayflower. Proposals are currently being looked at for a concert at Chateau Impney in July 2020 featuring The City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. Councillor Mrs Sital Harris then updated the Committee of a legacy project she was looking at with Professor Bob Stone which would incorporate virtual reality technology into the Heritage museum. Further updates for both projects will follow as plans progress.

106. TOWN PLANTING CONTRACT

The Town Clerk informed the Committee how the current contractors for the Town's Municipal planting were no longer able to sustain the work from October. The Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk are currently looking for alternative companies who would be able to sustain the large contract to the same high standards. A formal tendering process for new external contractors may be needed. Further updates anticipated at 12 November Community & Amenities Committee meeting

107. DROITWICH SPA HERITAGE AND TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE WEBSITE

A brief update was given to the Committee regarding the new separate website for the Heritage Centre which will be launched shortly. The new website will include different pages to highlight: Learning, Accessibility, Facilities and Events & Exhibitions.

108. RESPECTABILITY WALL PLAQUE FOR KATE BRACKLEY

It was reported to the Committee how Droitwich Spa resident, Kate Brackley has received an award from Project RespectAbility. Project RespectAbility is funded by The National Lottery through the Big Lottery Fund and is organised by The Monday Night Club. Its purpose is to celebrate the achievements of people with learning disabilities in Worcestershire. As Kate was a founder member of SpeakEasy NOW who are currently tenants in St Richards House, it was thought appropriate to display her award winner's plaque in The Heritage Centre. A formal ceremony will be arranged for all involved in due course.

The Chairman of the Committee, along with all Councillors wished to send their congratulations to Kate and to say how very proud they were of her achievements.

The meeting concluded at 6.40 pm

Chairman of Committee
12 November 2018

Chairman of Council
24 September 2018