

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 12 November 2018 at 6.30pm.

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

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

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

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were none.

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152. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest made.

153. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE HELD ON 10 September 2018

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 10 September 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

154. GRANTS APPRAISAL PANEL – RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 29 OCTOBER 2018

The Committee considered the recommendations for grant allocation.

RESOLVED That the following grants be approved,

1. Droitwich Spa Library – Application withdrawn
2. King George V Sports C.I.C. Ltd – £950.00
3. Droitwich Spa Meeting Centre - £600.00
4. Westlands First School - £1000.00
5. Droitwich Spa History & Archaeology Society - £210.00

Fund Available = £3490.00

Total approved recommendations 29th October 2018 =£2760.00

Remaining fund = £730.00

155. BENCH FOR MEDICAL CENTRE

The Committee was informed of a request from Councillor Humphries for a bench to be purchased and sited in front of the Medical Centre in Ombersley Street, Droitwich Spa. Due to this land not being authority owned land, this would present difficulties with insurance cover and liability issues. It was therefore recommended that the remaining £730 in the 2018/2019 Grants & Sponsorship fund be allocated towards this to enable the medical centre to purchase a bench for their land. All positioning and associated liability provisions would then be the responsibility of the Medical Centre.

RESOLVED That the Committee agreed in principle to the donation of £730.00 towards a bench for the Medical Centre providing Councillor Humphries first liaised with them regarding the viability of the project.

156. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON EVENT – 24 NOVEMBER 2018

Pursuant to Minute No 104 of the Community & Amenities meeting held on 10 September 2018, the Assistant Town Clerk updated the Committee regarding the planned timetable for the Christmas Lights switch on day, including the fun fair, live entertainment and the Farmer's Christmas market. Publicity of the event has now begun, with notices and banners around the town along with advertisement in the local press and on the www.visitdroitwichspa.com website & Facebook page. The Christmas card competition has been well received. The Mayor, Councillor Mrs Bowden will be selecting the winners who will assist her with the switching on of the Christmas lights.

157. TOWN PLANTING CONTRACT

Pursuant to Minute No 106 of the Community & Amenities meeting held on 10 September 2018, the Committee were updated on the progress made with the new contractors for the Municipal planting scheme. Countrywide have taken over the Droitwich Spa Town Centre planting and will complete the winter bedding throughout November 2018.

The meeting concluded at 6.45 pm

Chairman of Committee
14 January 2019

Chairman of Council
28 January 2019