

Droitwich Spa Town Council

MINUTES of the meeting of the COMMUNITY AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE held by Zoom video call on Monday 14 September 2020 at 18.38 pm.

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

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors DM Craigie, G Duffy and A Humphries

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103. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest made

104. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY & AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 6 JULY 2020

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Community & Amenities Committee held on 6 July 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.

105. COMMUNITY HALL & HERITAGE MUSEUM/TIC RE-OPENING

The Committee were updated how the Community Hall & Heritage Museum/TIC had both successfully re-opened following the shut down for the Covid-19 pandemic. The Community hall had been taking bookings again, with regular hirers re-starting their classes/meetings. Each hirer had completed their own Covid-19 specific risk assessment. Bookings were continuing to increase weekly. The Museum and Tourist Information Centre would again be hosting Cards for Good Causes in the lead up to Christmas with increased footfall anticipated. As reported at the extra-ordinary Resources Committee meeting, held on 7th September 2020, the income position will be clearer following September's invoicing.

RESOLVED That the information was noted

106. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The Committee were updated on the outcome of a meeting held on 11 September 2020 between the Royal British Legion representatives, the Police, County, District and Town Councils Representatives. This was held to discuss current Covid-19 regulations and how this will affect the standard format of Remembrance Sunday. It was concluded that several changes would need to be made to the day to abide by Government Guidelines including a smaller private Church Service. Councillor RJ Morris added that he did not believe the 'Rule of 6' would need to be adhered to inside the Church as long as social distancing was. This will be looked in to. Details of this will be finalised for Full Council on 28 September 2020

RESOLVED That the information was noted.

107. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON ARRANGEMENTS

To accord with the previous agenda item a similar approach would be taken for this year's switch-on event due to the pandemic. The actual Christmas lights and Christmas trees for the town centre should remain unaffected. Further information will be updated for Full Council on 28 September 2020.

RESOLVED That the information was noted

108. MAYFLOWER 400

The Committee were updated how the project status and financial position had been included as an agenda item for the Extra-ordinary meeting of the Resources Committee held on 7th September 2020. It was resolved to refer further planning and options for the event to the Mayflower sub-committee for further updates through the parent C&A Committee in due course. Dialogue is maintained with Mrs Caroline Davies of OPUS events who are commissioned for delivery. Progress will be determined by the emerging Covid-19 guidance. Councillor WT Moy informed the Committee that he had been invited to the unveiling of a plaque for the Mayflower Skelton Ghost Ship which is situated at Netherwich Basin.

RESOLVED That the information was noted

109. GRANTS APPRAISAL PANEL

The Committee were informed that there are currently no pending applications for consideration and as such the scheduled appraisal panel meeting on 7th September was not required. The next meeting is scheduled for 26th October 2020 and any applications received can be considered using the zoom facility as required.

RESOLVED That the information was noted

The meeting concluded at 6.46 pm

Chairman of Committee
9 November 2020

Chairman of Council
28 September 2020