

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE **COMMUNITY & HERITAGE COMMITTEE** HELD ON **WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020** AT 7.00 P.M. AT THE TOWN HALL, 9 DEVON SQUARE, NEWTON ABBOT

**PRESENT** Councillors Mrs L Sheffield (Chairman) Presiding  
Mrs A Jones (Vice Chairman)

Councillors P Bullivant M Hocking  
Mrs C Bunday D Howe  
D Corney-Walker C Jenks  
Mrs K Crout M Joyce (Dep Mayor)  
C Davieson C N Parker  
R Hall M Ryan  
R Hayes

By Invitation: Mrs Emily Farrell, Newton Abbot Community Interest Company

Officers in attendance: Samantha Scott – Deputy Town Clerk  
Sally Henley – Town Development Manager  
Alexandra Robinson – Committee Administrator

408. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Brian Hayes, Richard Jenks (Mayor) and Mike Pilkington.

409. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Community and Heritage Committee held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019 were received and signed as a correct record.

410. **INTERESTS**

None declared.

411. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

412. **PRESENTATION – COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY (CIC)**

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Emily Farrell, Business and Community Development Manger of Newton Abbot Community Interest Company and invited her to update Members on the recent work of the CIC in the town.

Mrs Farrell acknowledged that some of the newly elected Councillors may be less aware of the work of CIC and she provided a background and highlighted some of the key projects being supported within the town:

- The CIC was formed in 2008 following the commissioning of the Newton Abbot and District Community Plan;
- The Plan identified those priorities for the town which would be supported by the CIC;

- The CIC have worked closely with the Town Council and its staff to jointly deliver projects since its inception;
- The basis of the CIC is a not-for-profit, social enterprise organisation.

Mrs Farrell thanked the Town Council for their continued support for the CIC, both in terms of support for staff and grant funding. The CIC relied entirely on grant funding. Mrs Farrell outlined some of the projects in the town:

1. **Direct Delivery Projects** – a) Management of the Buckland Centre, available for community use and the development of a successful Youth Group and b) the development of Stover Friends to encourage new visitors and increase funding.
2. **Support for Other Organisations** – a) The Childrens Centre; b) Haytor View Primary School and c) Buckland Surgery.
3. **Encouraging Action by Others** – a) Development of community facilities at Hele Park; b) Arboretum initiative and c) a Public Art Project.

Mrs Farrell invited questions from Councillors who raised the following questions:

- Grant Funding from Teignbridge District Council or Devon County Council in addition to District Councillor Funds;
- The Town Development Manager recorded thanks for the CIC assistance in enhancing the Planters at Newfoundland Way;
- Appreciation for the extensive work of the CIC, for its support and service provided; and
- Congratulated CIC for the work at the Buckland Community Centre and the opportunities it has provided for residents in the area.

#### 413. **SUB-COMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/FORUMS**

##### **(i). EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE – 8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020**

Arising from the consideration of the report of the meeting it was

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Events Sub-Committee meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020 be hereby approved and adopted.

##### **(ii). COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GROUP – 22<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY 2020**

Arising from the consideration of the report of the meeting it was

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Community Engagement Group meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020 be hereby approved and adopted.

#### 414. **STAGECOACH ROUTE CONSULTATION 2020**

The Chairman referred to the Consultation document, previously circulated and summarised the routes subject to change. Councillors discussed the proposals across the region and noted that the majority did not apply directly to Newton Abbot. It was suggested that Stagecoach advise the Town Council directly of any future proposed changes to the routes within Newton Abbot. The Chairman encouraged Councillors to contact Stagecoach

direct with any comments or concerns regarding proposed changes to routes in their respective Wards. Following a discussion among Members, accordingly it was:

**RESOLVED** that the Stagecoach Route Consultation 2020 Document be noted, and Members be encouraged to contact Stagecoach direct with any specific concerns about routes within their Wards.

#### 415. **TDC WOODLAND TRUST – TREE PLANTING SEMINAR**

The Chairman advised Members that the District Authority would be holding a Tree Planting Seminar on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020 and had invited a representative of the Town Council to attend. The Chairman further advised of the importance of planting trees of the correct species to adapt within the existing ecological environment. Studies on historical planting had shown a detriment to plant and wildlife where non-native species had been planted and had destroyed part of the ecosystem.

All Members acknowledged the importance and value of tree planting and the representative in attendance would raise such concerns within the seminar. Following a discussion among Members, accordingly it was:

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Mike Joyce and Mrs Sally Henley, Town Development Manager be nominated to attend the TDC Tree Planting Seminar on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020 on behalf of the Town Council.

#### 416. **NALC – STUDY TOURS**

The Chairman referred to the invitation to the NALC Study Tours available to Councillors to attend. The most appropriate Study Tour being at Folkestone Town Council on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020 to review Climate Emergency. Councillors considered the aspects of the Study Tour and following discussion; accordingly, it was;

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Chris Jenks be nominated to attend the NALC Study Tour on Climate Emergency on 7-8<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at Folkestone Town Council.

#### 417. **NEWTON'S PLACE PROJECT - UPDATE**

The Chairman invited Councillor Mike Ryan, Chairman of the Newton's Place Project Board to update Members on the project. Councillor Ryan noted that Members were regularly informed of progress on the project but that since the previous update he raised the following points:

- ❖ The glass wall was due to be delivered to site that day, but this would need to be confirmed by the Council's Architect;
- ❖ The issue regarding the down pipes was due to be resolved Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020 and
- ❖ The matters in relation to the Council transition to Newton's Place were in hand.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Ryan for the update.

Following a discussion among Members accordingly, it was;

**RESOLVED** that the verbal update from Councillor Mike Ryan, Chairman of the Newton's Place Project Board be noted.

418. **INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**

The Committee received and noted the Income and Expenditure statement for the Community and Heritage Committee, for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019.

Following consideration, accordingly it was:

**RESOLVED** that the Income and Expenditure Statement for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 for the Community and Heritage Committee be hereby approved and adopted.

419. **LATE CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

420. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Community and Heritage Committee would be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020.

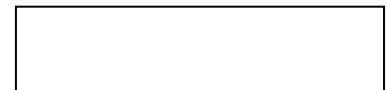
421. **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

**RESOLVED** that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the following item of business on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

422. **BUS SHELTERS**

The Chairman referred to the summary proposals as provided by the two suppliers, previously circulated. Members discussed the implications of both options as presented within the summary document. Following discussion among Members, accordingly it was:

**RECOMMENDED** that further consideration be given to option A, contained within the Bus Shelters briefing summary document.



Chairman