

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE **COMMUNITY & HERITAGE COMMITTEE** HELD ON **WEDNESDAY 15th JUNE 2022** AT **6:30 P.M.** AT NEWTON'S PLACE, 43 WOLBOROUGH STREET, NEWTON ABBOT

PRESENT Councillor: L Sheffield (Chairperson) Presiding

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

Invited Guests: Two representatives of Griffiths Civil Engineering

In attendance: One member of the public

Officers in attendance: Sam Scott – Deputy Town Clerk
Sally Henley – Town Development Manager
Linda McGuirk – Principal Administrator
Nigel Canham – Communications Advisor

60. **ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMUNITY & HERITAGE COMMITTEE 2022/23**

Nominations were received for the election of the Chairperson of the Community & Heritage Committee for the year 2022/2023.

Accordingly, it was:

RESOLVED that Councillor Lesley Sheffield be elected Chairperson of the Community & Heritage Committee for the year 2022/2023.

61. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors M Pilkington, A Jones, C Parker and Phil Rowe - Town Clerk.

62. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRPERSON**

Nominations were received for the appointment of the Vice Chairperson of the Community & Heritage Committee for the year 2022/2023.

Accordingly, it was:

RESOLVED that Councillor Ann Jones be appointed Vice Chairperson of the Community & Heritage Committee for the year 2022/2023.

63. **INTERESTS**

Councillors Mike Hocking and Carol Bunday declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 8 - A382/383 LINK ROAD PHASE 1 PROJECT.

64. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Community and Heritage Committee held on 30th March 2022 were received and signed as a correct record.

65. **COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Committee gave due consideration to the Terms of Reference for the Community & Heritage Committee, circulated prior to the meeting.

Accordingly, it was:

RESOLVED that the Terms of Reference for the Community & Heritage Committee be hereby, approved and adopted.

66. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

67. **A382/383 LINK ROAD PHASE 1 PROJECT**

Representatives of Griffiths Civil Engineering updated members on the A382/383 Link road, phase 1 project. It was noted the project is due for completion mid-July and has been constructed to relieve traffic entering Newton Abbot once the proposed housing development at Houghton Barton has been constructed.

The representative advised that Griffiths Civil Engineering recognises the importance of protecting the environment and preserving the original landscape. All hedge rows and soil have been relocated in the vicinity of the site. The contractor has a community webpage which provides an overview of the project, including traffic updates. There is also a Community Benefit Fund which is used to support projects within the local community. Examples of local groups who have benefited from assistance included Stover School, Hill Park Community, Kingskerswell Navigators, Newton Abbot Street Pastors, Ilford Park Polish Home, Young Devon and Rowcroft Hospice. In addition, educational engagement has taken place with local educational establishments to raise awareness of apprentice career paths within Griffiths Civil Engineering. It was noted that Phase 2 and 3 of the Link road will be undertaken by new contractors.

Councillor Lesley Sheffield thanked the representatives for attending and providing a useful update on the project. It had been interesting to learn of the great diverse community engagement that has taken place. Members were invited to ask questions. Discussion took place regarding the future of the road prior to the

residential development being undertaken. Members were advised the road will remain closed to vehicular access.

Further discussion took place to understand how the local community groups that had benefited from financial support were chosen. It was suggested that support was granted to Highweek Scouts and Highweek Village Hall. A further request was made for support for Newton Abbot Carnival.

Councillors Mike Hocking and Carol Bunday having declared a pecuniary interest in the item.

68. **QUEEN STREET PROPOSALS, PEDESTRIAN ENHANCEMENTS – PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

Councillor Lesley Sheffield reminded Members they had received detailed information from Devon County Council (DCC) and Teignbridge District Council (TDC) outlining the proposal including a public consultation questionnaire prior to the meeting. It was noted that several Councillors had submitted a response prior to the meeting.

The Town Development Manager advised that DCC had received over 700 responses so far, but it remained imperative that residents remained engaged and continued to respond.

Discussion took place regarding the overall vision for Newton Abbot as a town.

Accordingly, it was:

RESOLVED that

- a) Members of Newton Abbot Town Council will respond individually to the Queen Street proposal, pedestrian enhancements - public consultation and encourage residents and visitors to participate: -
- b) The Town Council will formally engage Devon County Council and Teignbridge District Council in discussions on a vision for Newton Abbot.

69. **SUB-COMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/FORUMS**

EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE – 25th May 2022

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Events Sub-Committee meeting held on 25th May 2022 be hereby noted.

70. **ACCOUNTS/INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**

- a) The Committee received and noted the Income and Expenditure statement for the Community and Heritage Committee, for the period 1st April – 30th April 2022.

RESOLVED that the Income and Expenditure Statement for the period 1st April – 30th April 2022 for the Community and Heritage Committee be hereby approved.

- b) The Committee received and noted an overview of income and expenditure for Newton In Bloom, for the period 1st April – 30th April 2022.

RESOLVED that the Income and Expenditure Statement for the period 1st April – 30th April 2022 for Newton In Bloom be hereby approved.

- c) The Committee received and noted an overview of income and expenditure for the Museum, for the period 1st April to 30th April 2022.

RESOLVED that the Income and Expenditure Statement for the period 1st April – 30th April 2022 for the Museum be hereby approved.

71. **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

Councillor Mike Joyce reported on the success of the recent Annual Town meeting that took place on Saturday 9th April 2022, in Courtenay Street and expressed his thanks to all who attended and helped. Members considered and noted the results of the questionnaire carried out on the day, which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

72. **ROAD SAFETY**

Councillor Mike Joyce informed Members that the Town Council had successfully applied for a grant of £10,000 from Project Zero to purchase Road Safety equipment. This enabled the Council to purchase 4 Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS). The Town Clerk and Cllr Joyce will investigate suitable locations to site the VAS. Identified sites will need to be approved by Devon County Council prior to installation. The VAS will record 24 hours a day, data captured will include vehicle speed, the date and time. After 28 days the data is downloaded and belongs to the Town Council - Members were assured that data complies with current GDPR regulations and will allow the Council to respond to residents' concerns regarding speeding in the town. The data will be shared with the Police and local media.

Members congratulated Councillor Mike Joyce on his commitment to improve road safety in Newton Abbot.

Councillor Joyce advised Members he has produced draft policies for the use of the VAS and the management of the data. It was suggested a Working Group is formed to consider the policies and take the project forward.

Accordingly, it was:

RESOLVED that a Working Party be formed, to include a Councillor from each Ward to consider the draft Road Safety Vehicle Activated Signs Policy & Procedure and the Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) Sharing of Data Policy, analyse data, lead the project forward and report back to the Community & Heritage Committee.

73. MUSEUM POLICIES FOR ACCREDITATION

It was noted that the following Museum Policies had been approved for Accreditation as outlined in Minute 21/01(619)A

- a) Aims and Statement of Purpose 2022 – 2025
- b) Care and Conservation Policy 2022 – 2025
- c) Collections Development policy 2022 – 2025

74. LATE CORRESPONDENCE

None.

75. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Community and Heritage Committee would be held on Wednesday 19th October 2022.

Meeting closed at 7:45pm

Chairperson.....Date.....