

NOTES OF THE **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GROUP HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13th JULY 2022 AT 7.00 P.M.**

- PRESENT:** Councillors A Jones Chairperson (Presiding)
A Hall (Vice Chairperson)
- Councillors C Bunday (Mayor)
D Corney-Walker
C Davieson
M Hocking
M Joyce
- By Invitation: Emily Farrell – Manager CIC
Kate Green – Community Engagement Consultant
- Officers In attendance:
Linda McGuirk – Principal Administrator
Sally Henley – Town Development Manager
Nigel Canham - Communications Advisor

CE16. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GROUP 2022/23

Nominations were received for the election of the Chairperson of the Community Engagement Group for the year 2022/2023.

Accordingly, it was:

RESOLVED that Councillor Ann Jones be elected Chairperson of the Community Engagement Group for the year 2022/2023.

CE17. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors D Howe (illness), C Parker (illness), R Jenks (no reason) and L Sheffield (illness).

CE18. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GROUP 2022/23

Nominations were received for the election of the Vice Chairperson of the Community Engagement Group for the year 2022/2023.

Accordingly, it was:

RESOLVED that Councillor Alex Hall be elected Vice Chairperson of the Community Engagement Group for the year 2022/2023.

CE19. INTERESTS

None declared.

CE20. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Community Engagement group meeting held on 2nd February 2022 were received and signed as a correct record.

CE21. COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

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

Accordingly, it was:

RESOLVED that the Terms of Reference for the Community Engagement group be hereby, approved and adopted.

CE22. COMMUNITY PLAN

a) Update on the Community Plan.

Emily Farrell provided an update on the work which has been undertaken to prepare the draft refresh of the Community Plan. A copy of the draft plan had been circulated prior to the meeting. Members were advised that the refreshed Plan might be perceived as not being as aspirational as the first plan and that an additional project has been suggested for inclusion and was tabled at the meeting. The addendum will further endorse the Plan and included an area where the Town Council could actively pledge support for projects in the town.

b) Consideration of the draft text for the Community Plan

Members discussed the draft plan in detail. Discussion took place around some of the main issues which included parking and the lack of culture, arts and leisure provision within the town. It was agreed that the Town Council are already doing much of what is in the plan, but recognised improvements can always be made.

Arising from the discussions, Members agreed the main aim of the revised Community Plan is to ensure the community recognises the Town Council as the people's champion and the voice to represent the community.

c) Agree the next steps

It was agreed to share the plan with key agencies and organisations within the town and provide an opportunity for them to comment. The final Plan will be brought back to the Community Engagement Group at its next meeting in October ahead of consideration at the Full Council meeting in November 2022.

Members thanked Emily and Kate for their hard work in preparing the refreshed plan.

CE23. HOT TOPICS

Members were provided with an opportunity to raise any current local topics for future discussion and consideration to encourage wider Community Engagement. No items were raised.

CE24. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Community and Engagement Group would be 5th October 2022 at 7.00 pm at Newton's Place.

Meeting closed at 20:15pm

CHAIRPERSON..... Date.....