Minutes of the Community Committee meeting held on

**Thursday 15th February 2024 at 7.pm**

# Present:

Cllrs A Foster, D Reed and M Town

# In attendance:

Deputy Town Clerk, Julie Bower (St James) and Nick Gomersal

# COM2324/42 Chair’s opening remarks

Cllr Foster welcomed everyone to the meeting. It was noted that Remembrance Sunday had a great turn out yet again and was something that brought Baildon community together.

Congratulations were also expressed to the Baildon Rounders Club for their nominations as club of the year.

# COM2324/43 Approve reasons for absence

Resolved to approve Cllr Griffin’s reason for absence.

# COM2324/44 Disclosures of interest

Cllr Foster declared an interest in Item 8 (Planning Applications)

# COM2324/45 Minutes of the previous meeting

**Resolved to approve the minutes of the Community Committee meeting of 19th October 2023.**

# COM2324/46 Clerk’s report

Deferred to relevant items.

# COM2324/47 Important Information From Councillors and Staff

It was discussed why we do not have Matters Arising / Any Other Business on the agenda. The Deputy Clerk advised that any items for discussion, especially relating to expenditure, must be clearly stated on the agenda.

**COM2324/48 Public Participation**

Julie Bower (newly appointed community development worker at St James), introduced herself to the committee and confirmed she is newly appointed to the post and looks forward to working closely with the committee. Julie has identified some challenges impacting on her goal of increasing membership and participation, for existing and new to be developed activities. She is looking forward to working to make St James a very inclusive and busy location for Baildon*.* Julie is exploring ideas such a mother and toddlers group and expanding the coffee mornings.

Cllr Reed referred to the St James’s 2021funding application. This application outlined that all community services offered by St James’s were open to all, regardless of age, ethnicity or faith, without religious expectation, and that it was not specifically aimed at attracting people to church services. The Community Committee are happy to have a sit down with St James in order to iron out some of these issues, should this be seen as beneficial.

The Committee thanked Julie for her hard work and, noted that in the short space of time that she had been in post the profile of St James’s community events and activities had been raised significantly. Julie will report back to the committee when she has met with the St James support group.

**COM2324/49 Skylark Applications**

# Skylark Application from BHS – An application was received from Baildon Horticultural Society for £448. The money was to be used for purchasing a battery which will power heating, lighting and charging points.

# Resolved to award £448 to BHS for the purchase of this battery from the Skylark budget line.

Skylark Application from St James – An application was received from St James for assistance un funding a new defibrillator for the area. Nick Gomersal attended on behalf of Carolyn Gomersal (St James Parish Nurse) and detailed how much they have currently raised and how much they still required. Nick confirmed that the defibrillator would be accessible to the public and managed by himself and Carolyn. It was noted that this is an area of Baildon in need of a publicly accessible defibrillator.

**Resolved to award £862 to St James for the purchase of the defibrillator and associated costs from the Skylark budget line.**

# COM2324/50 Planning Applications

**Resolved to make the following comment:**

**23/04666/HOU -** **The applicant has made us aware that there will still be 3 parking places available on the private driveway once this work is completed, and therefore BTC wish to withdraw our objection to this application on the grounds of lack of car parking in the immediate vicinity.**

# COM2324/51 Youth Work

# Youth funding provision was discussed regarding Baildon Community Link. It was noted that it was the previous intention of the committee to provide funding for 3 years.

**Resolved to grant £10,000.00 to Baildon Community Link for financial years 24/25 and 25/26 for the 10-13 age group youth work.**

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**Resolved to request reports from Baildon Community Link detailing performance, attendance and costs of both youth provision age groups and to report on the effectiveness of an integrated approach to youth work with a wide range of partners including Bradford Council. Such reports to be brought to each Community Committee meeting.**

Finally, Cllr Foster advised that herself, Cllr Reed and Cllr Town recently attended a youth focused meeting with the police, ward officers and other interested parties. It was noted that there are pockets of ASB around Baildon and that there is now a working group who will be working closely with the hubs and Bradford Council.

# COM2324/52 Volunteer Proposal

# Cllr Foster detailed the significant need for volunteers across Baildon and advised on the report provided by the Volunteer Coordinator. The report detailed a need for volunteers for various organisations across Baildon as well as for Baildon Town Council to improve their own volunteer provision. The committee thanked the Volunteer Coordinator for such a detailed report.

**Resolved to form a volunteer working group consisting of the Clerk / Deputy Clerk, Cllr Foster and Cllr Griffin and the Volunteer Coordinator. This group could coopt interested parties when the ideas have been developed further.**

**Resolved that the working group will formulate an action plan for developing the proposal further.**

# COM2324/53 Hub Reports

The committed noted the reports from Wesley’s and Baildon Community link and thanked them for the same.

It was noted that due to circumstances, there was no report from St Hughs or St James at this time.

# COM2324/54 Cost of Living (School) Grants

It was noted that these reports had not yet been received and that the Deputy Clerk will circulate upon receipt of the same.

# COM2324/55 Remembrance Sunday

The Deputy Clerk reported to the committee on responses from parties involved in Remembrance Sunday regarding how the day went, what could be improved and what went well.

The committee noted that Baildon Town Council’s responsibility is road closures and the safety of those involved. There is also a small budget line is provided for wreaths / flags and the band.

Whilst BTC are keen to be involved with the planning of the event it must be recognised that the content and the timeline of the event is the responsibility of the Church and Shroggs. Mutual agreement should be sought as early as possible to ensure that the event runs smoothly.

Resolved that the Deputy Clerk will speak with all involved and report back their thoughts to the next Community Committee meeting.

**COM2324/56**  **Committee Budget**

The Community Committee budget was received and considered:

Resolved:

* To create a Defibrillator earmarked reserve with the remaining £192.15 in the Defibs budget line (6020) and the remaining £326.68 in the Remembrance Sunday budget line (6045).
* To create a Coronation Bench earmarked reserve with the remaining £2400.03 in the Coronation Event budget line (6050)

# COM2324/57 Promotional Opportunities

St James hub and defibrillator

**COM2324/58 Next Meeting Date**

**TBD**

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