Minutes of the Community Committee meeting held on

**Thursday 8th June 2023 at 7.pm**

# Present:

Cllrs A Foster, D Reed and J Kean

# In attendance:

Town Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk, Rob Higgie and Lucy Maddison

**COM2324/1 Election of Chair**

Resolved to elect Cllr Foster as Chair of the Community Committee for the year 23/24.

**COM2324/2 Election of Vice Chair**

Resolved unanimously to appoint Cllr Reed as Vice Chair of the Community Committee for the year 23/24.

# COM2324/3 Chair’s opening remarks

Cllr Foster thanked Cllr Reed for his hard work and dedication over the years as Chair of the Community Committee and welcomed everyone the first meeting of the 23/24 year.

# COM2324/4 Approve reasons for absence

Resolved to approve Cllr Town’s reason for absence.

# COM2324/5 Disclosures of interest

Cllr Kean declared an interest regarding Item 10.

# COM2324/6 Minutes of the previous meeting

**Resolved to approve the minutes of the Community Committee meeting of 7th February 2023.**

# COM2324/7 Clerk’s report

None

# COM2324/8 Public participation

Deferred to relevant items.

**COM2324/9 Youth Work**

Lucy (Baildon Community Link) provided a detailed update on the newly funded youth provisions (10-13 and 13-17).

Lucy advised that both clubs were growing in popularity and doing well with attendees from all across Baildon (26 seniors at the last one).

Lucy and volunteers / staff are working hard to get to know all the attendees and hope to hold further events such as a family bbq and other educational events.

Cllr Foster thanked Lucy for her hard work and dedication to youth provision.

Cllr Reed asked whether there is scope for Bradford Youth Service to also offer support which Lucy advised she will look in to.

The Committee thanked Lucy for her work and noted that both clubs have got off to a very positive start.

**COM2324/10 Skylark Applications**

Volunteer Fair Application:

The committee discussed how well this fair had worked last year in sourcing volunteers for organisations around the village.

Resolved to grant £700 to Baildon Community Link.

Baildon Horticultural Society Application:

The committee considered the application and its merits.

The funding would be used towards ensuring that members of the applying organisation are first aid trained (choking, CPR, bleeding etc).

Resolved to grant £490 to BHS.

# COM2324/11 AVERT / Community First Responder Scheme

Rob Higgie gave examples and details of his work as a CFR.

Rob detailed a key issue that CFRs face in that they cannot take their vehicles onto the moors as they would simply bed in. The terrain also makes it very difficult for an ambulance to navigate.

Aire Valley Emergency Response Team was set up recently and now has a bank account. Options are still being weighed up as to whether to apply for charitable status or not. AVERT are trying to raise funds for a 4x4 vehicle that would be passed around between the CFRs (depending on who is on duty).

Cllr Foster asked whether the vehicle would be shared between different areas. Rob advised that yes it could go to anyone in AVERT who possessed the relevant training.

As fundraising is ongoing, and there are upcoming events such as the Baildon Carnival at which there will be fundraising taking place, the committee asked that Rob return to their next meeting once it is known the level of funding that would be required for such a venture.

# COM2324/12 Important information from Councillors and staff

# Cllr Kean noted the reestablishment of the Higher Coach Road Residents Group.

# COM2324/13 Defibrillators

# Rob noted that YAS can provide a full report on where there is a need in Baildon for a defibrillator. Rob advised he would obtain this report for the Committee.

* Baildon Link defibrillator in good working order.
* BHCC defibrillator still working fine but a new heater / cabinet is needed as malfunctioning.
* Roundabout defibrillator still working fine but new battery needed to be ordered before the year end.

BHCC - Rob advised that a replacement heater would cost circa £250, and a replacement cabinet, budget permitting, circa £500.

**Resolved to purchase a new cabinet for the BHCC defibrillator and a new battery for the roundabout defibrillator (budget line already delegated to the Clerk).**

# COM2324/14 Community Hub Reports

Reports from Baildon Community Link, St Hughs, Wesleys and St James were received. The committee noted that more information is required from St James going forward and discussed methods of improving St James reach in terms of attracting visitors.

**Resolved to appoint Councillors to visit the relevant hubs in the 23/24 year:**

* **Cllr Reed – Link and St Hughs**
* **Cllr Kean – St James and St Hughs**
* **Cllr Foster – Wesleys**
* **Cllr Town – Wesleys and Link**

It was noted that funding is currently under review for the 24/25 year.

# COM2324/15 Baildon Carnival

Cllr Foster provided a detailed update on the upcoming carnival.

Cllr Foster advised that there will be various activities at the event, as well as bands within the parade.

It was noted that the Chair will attend in order to open the carnival.

# COM2324/16 Neighbourhood Watch

**Resolved to pay the NHW their full budget allocation, as done in the previous year (delegated to the Clerk).**

**COM2324/17**  **Coronation Celebrations**

The commission of a coronation bench was discussed.

It was noted that, ideally, the bench would be sourced locally.

**Resolved – Up to £1000 allocated to the Clerk to explore the commission of the coronation bench (budget delegated).**

# COM2324/18 Committee Budget

**Resolved to delegate the following budget lines to the Clerk:**

* Community Safety
* Remembrance Sunday
* Neighbourhood Watch
* Imagination Library

The Committee budget was noted.

# COM2324/19 Promotional Opportunities

Baildon Carnival to be included within the July newsletter.

**COM2324/20 Planning Applications**

**Resolved:**

23/01695/HOU – No comment

23/01685/HOU – No comment

23/01727/HOU – No comment

23/01684/HOU – No comment

23/01785/HOU – No comment

**COM2324/21 Next Meeting Date**

**19th October 2023**

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