Minutes of the Community Committee meeting held on

**Thursday 19th October 2023 at 7.pm**

# Present:

Cllrs A Foster, D Reed and K Griffin and M Town

# In attendance:

Deputy Town Clerk, Cllr Dixon, Rev Sandra Benham, Peter Ashton and Beverly Wright

# COM2324/22 Chair’s opening remarks

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and briefly notes the many successful events in Baildon over recent months such as the Harley Rally and Baildon Carnival.

The Chair also expressed the committees sadness at the recent passing of Saffi Brown.

# COM2324/23 Approve reasons for absence

Resolved to approve Cllr Kean’s reason for absence.

# COM2324/24 Disclosures of interest

None

# COM2324/25 Minutes of the previous meeting

**Resolved to approve the minutes of the Community Committee meeting of 8th June 2023.**

# COM2324/26 Clerk’s report

Deferred to relevant items.

# COM2324/27 Public participation

Deferred to relevant items.

**COM2324/28 Imagination Library**

Beverly Wright attended on behalf of Baildon Imagination Library and advised the committee on the programmes background and aspirations.

The programme provides a book a month to children up to 5 years of age, many of who would not have access to reading without it. The cost of running the programme is circa £600 a month.

Beverly also confirmed that there is no funding received from the foundation itself, so there is a heavy reliance on grants.

**Resolved to award £1000 for financial year 23/24.**

**COM2324/29 Baildon Green Community Association**

# Peter Ashton attended the meeting on behalf of BGCA and thanked the committee for funding the BGCA fun day this year.

BGCA sought funding to run the same event in 2024 given its great success and popularity. Peter advised that the fun day provided a great family day out for Baildon, including those in more deprived areas.

Peter advised that BGCA do rely heavily on grants and do source alternate forms of funding when available. Bradford Councils ‘Holiday Activity Fund’ was discussed and noted for future events,

**Resolved to award £840 to BGCA for the 2024 fun day.**

# COM2324/30 St James Hub

A detailed hub report was received from St James.

Sandra Benham thanked the committee for their funding in the previous year and talked briefly about the vision for St James as a hub for the Charlestown area. Sandra advised that the parish nursing programme is flourishing and helping many in need with mental health and bereavements.

Sandra confirmed that she is very happy to work closely with the Community Committee when putting together the job description for the St James post and acknowledged that improvements are needed in terms of social media promotion.

**Resolved to award a further £3000 to ST James hub in financial year 24/25.**

**Resolved that the community committee will work alongside Sandra when forming the JD for the post, promotion of the hub and general assistance if required.**

# COM2324/31 Remembrance Sunday

# The Deputy Clerk provided an update on the upcoming Remembrance Sunday parade.

The Deputy Clerk advised on the timings for the day as well as presenting the risk assessment for the parade.

Sandra advised that some of the younger uniformed organisations will be joining the parade as it passes St Johns. It was agreed that this would be considered and added to the risk assessment. The Deputy Clerk confirmed that Bradford Council, who are dealing with the road closure, confirmed this would not be an issue.

**Resolved to approve the risk assessment subject to the above addition regarding the uniformed organisations joining the parade at the roundabout.**

# COM2324/32 Important Information from Councillors and Staff

# Cllr Reed noted that Cllr Town was celebrated as a top 4 finalist in the BBC Make a Difference Awards. The committee formally thanked Cllr Town for her exemplary work with the Neighbourhood Watch.

The committee also noted the increase in issues surrounding drug use in young people in Baildon as well as ASB. It was agreed that this is a subject that needs committee attention.

# COM2324/33 To consider current Planning applications on CBMDC website and to agree actions (see planning4Bradford.com).

23/03641/HOU – Resolved no objection provided that the building materials are consistent with the surrounding area.

# COM2324/34 Youth Work / Neighbourhood Watch

A detailed report was received from Baildon Community Link on the BTC funded youth initiatives.

The committee thanked the Link for their report and tremendous work. It was noted that the clubs are constantly well attended.

Cllr Reed did note that he would like to see Baildon Link more closely involved with Bradfords Youth team.

Discussions ensued regarding the various needs for youth provision in Baildon. It was noted that many young people in Baildon do not want to attend a youth club but simply want somewhere to relax with friends. The committee noted the need to explore this issue in the future, especially in the face of the seeming increase of drug use and antisocial behaviour in young people.

# COM2324/35 Hub Reports

Detailed reports were received from Wesleys, Baildon Community Link and St Hughs.

The Committee commended the great reports and noted the great work that is ongoing at each of these hubs.

**COM2324/36**  **Skylark Application from Baildon Flower Club**

The committee reviewed the application and noted that funding was provided last year for the event which was successful.

**Resolved to award £500 to Baildon Flower Club for the event on the basis that it is advertised widely, provision of receipts, provision of details of the event for the newsletter and that BTC are invited to the event.**

**COM2324/37 Baildon Rounders Club**

Cllr Reed detailed the history of Baildon Rounders Club and how the equipment had been loaned to them until they were fully established. Now the club has various teams.

**Resolved to formally hand over ownership of the 2 rounders sets to Baildon Rounders Club.**

**COM2324/38 Defibrillators**

The Deputy Clerk gave a detailed report on how BTC is now managing and looking after our defibrillators.

The Deputy Clerk also presented the defibrillator risk assessment which was considered by the committee.

Discussions were had surrounding best practice to ensure the defibrillators are looked at and checked regularly given weekends, holidays etc.

**Resolved to accept the Risk Assessment for defibrillators.**

**Resolved that the Deputy Clerk will draft an annual report on defibrillators for the committee detailing usage, checks and other metrics to be discussed with the Chair.**

# COM2324/39 Committee Budget

The 23/24 community committee budget was received and noted.

Proposed 24/25 budget:

Discussions ensued regarding the desire to be able to provide some sort of cost of living grant to schools again in24/25.

**Resolved to recommend a budget of £69,750.00 for the Community Committee for 2024 / 2025 to the Governance Committee (as per budget V3)**

# COM2324/40 Promotional Opportunities

Rounders, Skylark Applications, Baildon Flower Club and Cllr Town’s award.

**COM2324/41 Next Meeting Date**

**15th February 2024**

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