Minutes of the Economy Committee meeting held on

Tuesday 14th June 2022 at 7pm

# Present

Cllrs S Place, L Oakley, S Hewitson and B Wyatt-Millington

In attendance:

Deputy Town Clerk, Emily McDowall

# EC2223/01 Election of Chair and Vice Chair

**Resolved unanimously to appoint Cllr S Place as Chair of this committee.**

**Resolved unanimously to appoint Cllr B Wyatt-Millington as Vice Chair of this committee.**

# EC2223/02 Chairs opening remarks

The Chair welcomed everyone in attendance to the second Economy Committee meeting of the annual year.

The Chair discussed the wide scope of the committee, now including Baildon Library, and how Baildon is thriving post pandemic.

Finally, the Chair commented on the need to maintain awareness of Ian Clough Hall developments as well as engage more with businesses on Otley Road.

The Chair also thanked the staff at the Council for their improved support for each meeting as well as for the folders which were very helpful.

# EC2223/03 Approve reasons for absence

**Resolved unanimously to approve Cllr G Dixon’s reasons for absence**.

# EC2223/04 Disclosures of interest

Cllr L Oakley declared that his employer, ACS, are located on Otley Road.

# EC2223/05 Minutes of previous meeting

**Resolved unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous meeting of 25th January 2022.**

# EC2223/06 Clerks report

The Deputy Clerk provided an update regarding the disabled toilet development. The Warden is awaiting confirmation of a start date for the works.

# EC2223/07 Public participation

Emily McDowall was in attendance to provide a report regarding Baildon at Christmas.

Emily was asked to speak during the upcoming item regarding Christmas lights.

# EC2223/08 Important information from Councillors and staff

None

# EC2223/09 Baildon Library and BLAG

# Resolved unanimously to:

* **Agree the re-establishment of BLAG and approve the proposed terms of reference.**
* **Agree that Cllr G Dixon and Cllr S Hewitson are the appointed BLAG members.**
* **Agree that the remit of the Economy Committee relates to Baildon Library service and that all issues relating to building premises should be referred to the Governance Committee.**
* **Confirm that the budget for this is already allocated to the Clerk.**

# EC2223/10 Baildon Christmas Lights

# Different locations for lighting were discussed and it was considered whether next year would be a good time to consider colour schemes.

The Deputy Clerk provided a report on proposals from the previous meeting with Christmas Plus (Cllrs G Dixon, B Wyatt-Millington and G Jennison in attendance for the same) regarding repairs and replacements.

Further documentation had been received from Christmas Plus regarding extra additions but the same was only received the day of the meeting so no report had been drafted. The budget for Christmas Lights is already fully delegated to the Clerk.

# Action – The Deputy Clerk will approach Christmas Plus and ask for an idea of how much it would cost, next year, to replace all lighting with warm white.

**Resolved unanimously to:**

* **Allocate £3000 to repair and replace (and add, if necessary) Christmas lights as per the reports.**
* **Agree that Baildon Christmas tree (Collitt Gardens) will supply the tree for a second year.**

Cllr B Wyatt-Millington advised that we are without relevant details in order to consider the Potter Meat Stick up lighting. As such, it was agreed that this issue will be deferred to the next Economy Committee meeting.

**Action – Cllr B Wyatt-Millington to discuss possible options with the Warden, and source further information and quotes.**

**Action – The Deputy Clerk to ask Christmas Plus whether there is a possibility of solar power.**

Emily McDowall attended on behalf of Baildon at Christmas.

Emily provided a detailed report and explanation of Baildon at Christmas’s role and how they intend to assist promotion of events in the village. It was advised that promotion will be done digitally in order to save costs. This has been well received over recent years.

As ICH is soon to be unavailable, there will be no more market and instead Baildon at Christmas will provide support and assistance to other venues with issues such as licences.

Emily advised that the event is generally held on the first Sunday of December, and she is continuing to reach out to businesses trying to get them involved with the event. Music and the Choir will likely be booked again closer to the event

Cllr S Hewitson suggested that it would be sensible for the first aid kit for the event to be located in BTC temporary offices (McColls) as it is a prime location and easily accessible.

Cllr S Place thanked Emily for attending and providing such a detailed report.

# EC2223/11 Public Transport Working Group

Cllr L Oakley provided a report on CRIB (Clear Roads in Baildon) and the proposal for a Public Transport Working Group.

**Resolved unanimously to form the CRIB working group and to approve the Terms of Reference.**

Members of the working group TBC.

# EC2223/12 Potted Meat Stick

See Baildon Christmas Lights – EC2223/10

# EC2223/13 Baildon Literary Festival 2022 Update

# Cllr S Place gave a brief outline of what was originally the plan for this event. However, this is currently something on hold.

# EC2223/14 Baildon Ignition Group

Cllr S Place provided an update on BIG and advised that it is now up and running again post pandemic. New businesses are also engaging with the group.

# EC2223/15 Harley Weekend

Cllr S Place confirmed that the Harley weekend is going ahead but further specific details remain outstanding.

**Action – Cllr S Place to chase up those arranging the event.**

**EC2223/16 Visit Baildon Update**

The site should be ready for full launch circa 25th July 2022. The site will include blog posts, history articles and other items such as recommendations on activities, where to eat and where to stay.

Discussions were had as to the possibility of a launch event to mark the website going live. Cllr S Hewitson asked whether this could be done prior to the next Full Council meeting on 25th July 2022.

It was suggested that, if the new temporary premises are completed in time, the launch event could be held prior to Full Council meeting at the temporary offices.

The Deputy Clerk advised that it is fairly unlikely that the premises will be complete.

**EC2223/17 Saltaire Self-Guided Walking App**

No updates have been received recently.

**Action – The Deputy Clerk to chase an update on this project.**

**EC2223/18 New Business Start-ups**

Discussions were had regarding previous plans to assist new business start-ups such as open groups for new business owners to meet up and discuss / share ideas. Apprenticeships and job fairs were also discussed.

**EC2223/19 Review of Committee Budget**

Noted

**EC2223/20 Promotional Opportunities**

Visit Baildon website launch to be promoted at a later date.

The Public to be updated regarding the Public Transport Group via the June / July newsletter.

**EC2223/21 Items for Future Agenda**

Potted Meat Stick was deferred to the next meeting to allow Cllr B Wyatt-Millington to obtain further information and quotes.

Otley Road Businesses

**EC2223/22 Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting of the Economy Committee will be held on 20th September 2022 at a venue TBD

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