

Minutes of Community Services Committee

Meeting Date: Tuesday, 7 September 2010 starting at 6.30pm
Present: Councillor R J Thompson (Chairman)

Councillors:

P Ainsworth	B Jones
J E Alcock	M Robinson
S Brunskill	G Scott
G Geldard	M Sutcliffe
S Hore	J White

In attendance: Director of Community Services, Financial Services Manager and Waste Management Officer.

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RESOLVED: That Committee

1. welcome the positive approach from the Longridge Partnership/Town Council;
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RESOLVED: That this information be included on the next Parish Councils Liaison agenda.

260 REDUCING STREET CLUTTER

A letter from the Right Honourable Eric Pickles MP regarding reducing street clutter was circulated for Committee to consider. The letter encouraged local authorities to remove unnecessary street furniture and signs advertising equipment etc that make our areas unattractive.

Committee were supportive of this endeavour but felt that a lot of the onus for this is on the Lancashire County Council.

RESOLVED: That this letter be included on the Parish Councils Liaison Committee agenda for their information.

261 CAPITAL OUTTURN 2009/10

The Director of Resources submitted a report informing Committee of the final outturn on the capital programme for 2009/10 for this Committee. The Financial Services Manager informed Committee that where capital schemes were unfinished at the end of the financial year, there is a corresponding remaining unspent budget known as slippage that would be carried forward into the new financial year. These schemes were outlined in the report.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

262 CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2010/11

The Director of Resources submitted a report for Committee's information on the progress to the end of July with the capital programme for this Committee for the current financial year. The report included the full programme by scheme along with the budget and expenditure to date along with capital evaluation sheets that gave an indication of progress with the schemes.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

263 REVENUE OUTTURN 2009/10

The Director of Resources submitted a report informing Committee of the actual position for the revenue budget for the year ended 31 March 2010 for this Committee. It reported an overall underspend for this Committee.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

264 REVENUE MONITORING 2010/11

The Director of Resources submitted a report informing Committee of the position for the first four months of this year's revenue budget as far as this Committee concerned. A comparison between actual expenditure and the original estimate for the period was shown along with the variations.

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265 CLOSURE OF PETRE ARMS HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRE

The Director of Community Services submitted a report bringing Committee up to date about the decision of the County Council to close the household waste recycling centre at Petre Arms, Langho. This would be closed as of 31 March 2011 as will the site in Padiham. He reported that this may well have an effect on our collection service and specifically the collection of bulky household items

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266 CLITHEROE FINE FOOD AND CRAFT STREET MARKET

The Director of Community Services submitted a report about Clitheroe's recent street market. This had been a very successful event with input from the Borough Council as well as the Chamber of Trade. It was felt however that future events should be taken on board by the Clitheroe Chamber of Trade with support from the Borough Council.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

267 CLITHEROE CASTLE MUSEUM – FIRST 12 MONTHS OF OPERATION

The Director of Community Services submitted a report providing Committee with details about Clitheroe Castle Museum first year in operation.

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268 FREE SWIMMING PROGRAMME – RIBBLESDALE POOL

The Director of Community Services submitted a report for Committee's information on the impact that free swimming has had upon attendances and operation of Ribblesdale Pool.

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269 GENERAL REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Director of Community Services submitted a report informing Committee of progress on various aspects of waste management, leisure and sports development, tourism and arts development and the Platform Gallery.

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259 STREET PARTIES AND FETES

A letter from the Right Honourable Eric Pickles MP was circulated for Committee's information with regard to street parties and fetes and perhaps the onset of more of these leading up to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics in 2012. It included a guide to organising a street party or fete along with forms that could be downloaded from the Communities and Local Government website.

RESOLVED: That this information be included on the next Parish Councils Liaison agenda.

260 REDUCING STREET CLUTTER

A letter from the Right Honourable Eric Pickles MP regarding reducing street clutter was circulated for Committee to consider. The letter encouraged local authorities to remove unnecessary street furniture and signs advertising equipment etc that make our areas unattractive.

Committee were supportive of this endeavour but felt that a lot of the onus for this is on the Lancashire County Council.

RESOLVED: That this letter be included on the Parish Councils Liaison Committee agenda for their information.

261 CAPITAL OUTTURN 2009/10

The Director of Resources submitted a report informing Committee of the final outturn on the capital programme for 2009/10 for this Committee. The Financial Services Manager informed Committee that where capital schemes were unfinished at the end of the financial year, there is a corresponding remaining unspent budget known as slippage that would be carried forward into the new financial year. These schemes were outlined in the report.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

262 CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2010/11

The Director of Resources submitted a report for Committee's information on the progress to the end of July with the capital programme for this Committee for the current financial year. The report included the full programme by scheme along with the budget and expenditure to date along with capital evaluation sheets that gave an indication of progress with the schemes.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

263 REVENUE OUTTURN 2009/10

The Director of Resources submitted a report informing Committee of the actual position for the revenue budget for the year ended 31 March 2010 for this Committee. It reported an overall underspend for this Committee.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

264 REVENUE MONITORING 2010/11

The Director of Resources submitted a report informing Committee of the position for the first four months of this year's revenue budget as far as this Committee concerned. A comparison between actual expenditure and the original estimate for the period was shown along with the variations.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

265 CLOSURE OF PETRE ARMS HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRE

The Director of Community Services submitted a report bringing Committee up to date about the decision of the County Council to close the household waste recycling centre at Petre Arms, Langho. This would be closed as of 31 March 2011 as will the site in Padiham. He reported that this may well have an effect on our collection service and specifically the collection of bulky household items

from the Langho, Billington, Whalley, Read and Simonstone areas. Councillors requested that a list of the recycling centres still available be included on our recycling calendars sent out in March and that the situation be monitored carefully and fed back to the Lancashire County Council.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

266 CLITHEROE FINE FOOD AND CRAFT STREET MARKET

The Director of Community Services submitted a report about Clitheroe's recent street market. This had been a very successful event with input from the Borough Council as well as the Chamber of Trade. It was felt however that future events should be taken on board by the Clitheroe Chamber of Trade with support from the Borough Council.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

267 CLITHEROE CASTLE MUSEUM – FIRST 12 MONTHS OF OPERATION

The Director of Community Services submitted a report providing Committee with details about Clitheroe Castle Museum first year in operation.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

268 FREE SWIMMING PROGRAMME – RIBBLESDALE POOL

The Director of Community Services submitted a report for Committee's information on the impact that free swimming has had upon attendances and operation of Ribblesdale Pool.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

269 GENERAL REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Director of Community Services submitted a report informing Committee of progress on various aspects of waste management, leisure and sports development, tourism and arts development and the Platform Gallery.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

If you have any queries on these minutes please contact John Heap (414461).