

## Minutes of Community Services Committee

Meeting Date: Tuesday, 24 July 2012, starting at 6.30pm  
Present: Councillor R J Thompson (Chairman)

Councillors:

J E Alcock	L Rimmer
R Bennett	M Robinson
S Carefoot	R Swarbrick
S Hore	G Scott
G Mirfin	J White
R Newmark	

In attendance: Director of Community Services, Head of Engineering Services, Head of Cultural and Leisure Services, Head of Financial Services.

### 178 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors S Brunskill, J Hill and A M Knox.

### 179 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 May 2012 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Councillor Rimmer asked a question with regard to minute 13, Clitheroe Castle Museum, regarding when the local advisory forum would meet.

### 180 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at the meeting.

### 181 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

### 182 CAPITAL OUTTURN 2011/12

The Director of Resources submitted a report seeking Member approval for the slippage of capital schemes from the 2011/12 financial year to the 2012/13 financial year and to review the final outturn on the Capital Programme for 2011/12 for this Committee.

The Capital Programme had consisted of 13 schemes of which there were 6 schemes with identified slippage into 2012/13. Detail of these scheme were highlighted for Committee's information along with individual evaluation schemes of the Heads of Service.

RESOLVED: That Committee approve the requests for slippage on the 6 schemes as outlined totalling £51,290 into the 2012/13 financial year.

183 POOL PRICE CHANGES

The Director of Community Services submitted a report asking Committee to give consideration to the introduction of additional fees and charges to those currently approved for implementation at Ribblesdale Pool for 2012/13. He reminded Committee that fees and charges relating to activities at Ribblesdale Pool had been approved by Committee on 8 November 2011. However since that time certain other activity charges had emerged where it was felt a charge could be made in the future. These included pre-swims, Roefield – junior placed schemes group admissions for fun swims, mums/parent toddler sessions, shower/changing only, lane swim hire, the meeting room in Edisford Pavilion and photocopying.

RESOLVED: That Committee agree to

1. the recommendation that the fees as outlined be introduced including a charge for a third swimming teacher for school swimming where required of £8 per lesson to apply within this financial year with the exception of Roefield; and
2. agree to adopt the mechanism outlined in the report for charges associated with Roefield in January 2013.

184 PUBLIC OPEN SPACE ASSESSMENT

The Director of Community Services submitted a report which outlined an assessment of current open space provision owned by the Council with a view to identifying a future investment need, funding sources and given the likely funding constraints those of a greater or lesser priority. Committee were reminded that the future of public open space provision in relation to the development of the Core Strategy has been discussed at previous meetings and that it was now necessary to carry out a detailed analysis of current provision and its ability to provide for the projected population growth. In order to do this the work would need to be split into two areas namely formal facilities where Lancashire Sport had offered to carry out an analysis of facilities including Council, private and voluntary sector provision based of facility type, quality, access/travel time and parks and open spaces where our own staff would carry out a detailed analysis of the main parks and play areas, including parish provision.

It was felt that upon completion of these two pieces of work issues would be raised regarding the current condition of facilities and where funding may come from in the future in order to provide quality provision hence the conclusion that there would be a need to concentrate resources in fewer more strategic locations in the future.

Recommendations along these lines would be submitted to Committee in November after consideration from the working group.

RESOLVED: That Committee

1. note the contents of the report and endorse the two elements of work; and
2. agree to the involvement of the Member Working Group as already constituted.

185 CAPITAL MONITORING 2012/13

The Director of Resources submitted a report informing Committee of the progress with the Capital Programme for the first quarter of this financial year. Slippage from the previous year was also reported. He was pleased to report that to date 75% of the annual Capital Programme for this Committee had been spent with the balance of the outstanding budget being committed and due to be completed over the coming months.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

186 REVENUE OUTTURN 2011/12

The Director of Resources submitted a report for Committee's information on the outturn for the financial year 2011/12 in respect of the revenue budget for this Committee. The report detailed by costs centre a comparison with the revised estimate which showed an overall underspend of £81,449 on the net cost of services increasing to £105,221 after transfers to and from earmarked reserves. Details of the underspend was highlighted in the report with a summary of the major variations given.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

187 REVENUE MONITORING 2012/13

The Director of Resources submitted a report informing Committee of the position for the first three months of this year's revenue budget as far as this Committee was concerned. The report included a comparison by cost centre between actual expenditure and the original estimate for the period to the end of June. The main variations had been extracted for the items included in the red and amber shaded costs centres (ie specific areas of high concern) and shown with the budget holder's comments and agreed action plans.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

188 UPDATE ON WALKING EVENT, WITCHES WALKS AND MORE

The Director of Community Services submitted a report for Committee's information on the forthcoming walking event. Hopefully this would serve as a basis for an annual Ribble Valley Walking Festival. It had been agreed to use the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Pendle Witches to explore the concept of a walking festival and a week called "Witches Walks and More" was taking place between the 12 and 19 August.

Committee wished to thank Tom Pridmore for his work on this event as well as other tourism initiatives currently being taken.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

189 GENERAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Director of Community Services submitted a report informing Committee of progress with waste management and leisure and sports development including Ribblesdale Pool triathlon development and Platform Gallery and Visitor Information Centre.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

190 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Hore gave a brief update on the North West Sound Archives and encouraged Committee to attend a Classis Car event that they were hosting on Saturday, 28 July between 11am and 3.30pm where sound archive would also be available to listen to.

191 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That by virtue of the fact that the following item of business be exempt information under Category 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be now excluded from the meeting.

192 CLITHEROE FOOD FESTIVAL UPDATE

The Directors of Resources and Community Services submitted a report for Committee's information regarding the Clitheroe Food Festival 2012. It was reported that the bid made for RDPE funding had been unsuccessful which would inevitably have a large impact on the funding of the 2012 event previously agreed. The report outlined Officer involvement on the festival day, along with latest estimates for both income and expenditure. It was pointed out that income was obviously reliant on weather and attendance at the event. The financial outturn of the event would be subject to a further report to this Committee in due course.

Committee requested a breakdown cost for staff time spent on this event.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 7.18pm.

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