

Minutes of Community Services Committee

Meeting Date: Tuesday, 12 March 2013, starting at 6.30pm
Present: Councillor R J Thompson (Chairman)

Councillors:

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

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

678 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillor A Knox.

679 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2013 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

680 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mary Robinson declared a non-prejudicial interest as a Member of Clitheroe Rotary Club in agenda item number 8. Councillor R Newmark declared a non-prejudicial interest as a Member of Ribblesdale Rotary in agenda item number 8.

681 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

682 PRESENTATION ON ROLLOUT OF NEW BINS

The Head of Engineering Services gave a brief presentation on the rollout of the larger bins for green and food wastes. He explained that later in the year all properties with a green 140ltr bin will, if they present it on the appointed day, have it swapped for a green 240ltr bin free of charge. Properties that currently do not have a green 140ltr bin will have one delivered to them free of charge, that will be for their food wastes. He pointed out that was important if residents did not want to participate in this scheme that they must opt out. There was a wide range of methods in which they could do this if they wanted to exercise this

option. Starting in the next 2 weeks were several ways of informing residents of the changes and encouraging them to participate.

Members asked various questions with regard to the swap over of the bins and welcomed the initiative.

683 RECREATIONAL/CULTURAL/SPORTS AND ARTS GRANTS

The Director of Community Services submitted a report that included the recommendations of the Working Group in relation to the allocation of grants under individual sport excellence, individual arts excellence and recreation and culture. He informed Committee that an additional application form under the Recreation Grant Scheme had been received from the Clitheroe Youth Forum to enable young people to attend the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme and recommended a grant of £1,100.

RESOLVED: That Committee endorse the recommendations of the Working Group as outlined in the Appendices with the addition of the Clitheroe Youth Forum.

684 EVENTS IN THE CASTLE GROUNDS

The Director of Community Services submitted a report asking Committee to consider incorporating capacity restrictions in contracts on future events in the Castle Grounds. The Castle Grounds hosts a range of events throughout a given year, varying in size and complexity, the most prominent being Last Night of the Proms, Sport Relief Mile, the Bonfire and Annual Fairs. The two main areas where these events take place are the Bandstand and the Castle field.

He reminded Members that there had been a range of issues relating to the 2012 bonfire that had been unable to be rectified, resulting in the cancellation of the event. Following this the Council had reviewed both the role and operation of ESAG and a new structure had been implemented. The key issue for this Committee from a landowners perspective was that, as part of the contractual arrangements with the hirer, there was a need to specify a maximum occupancy of the site which would determine whether a proposed event could be delivered in a safe and effective manner.

Assessments had taken place with regard to both the Castle field and the Bandstand and a maximum capacity had been recommended. This was 5,000 for the Castle field and 2,000 for the Bandstand. The issue of capacity had been discussed at a recent meeting of RVSAG where the Police had suggested that the site capacity of 5,000 could be increased to 6,000 with the adoption of an acceptable traffic management plan to enable a safe exit from Eshton Terrace and the Trinity access.

This had been an issue with the Bonfire Committee who had requested that an independent assessment be carried out.

Members felt that commissioning and independent assessment was the most acceptable option that once carried out must be accepted by all parties concerned.

RESOLVED: That Committee

1. note the contents of the report; and
2. agree to commission an independent assessment to be carried out with regard to a maximum occupancy for the Castle field.

685 FACILITIES STRATEGY

The Director of Community Services submitted a report for Committee's information bringing them up to date with progress on producing a Facilities Strategy. Much of the content of the Strategy was completed and the main focus of the work was on establishing the investment element. A formula had also been worked out to determine the percentage of external grant funding of future building projects were likely to attract and the mechanisms by which future housing development would be expected to contribute to future infrastructure based on additional facilities to meet future participation demands.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

686 CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2013/14

The Director of Resources submitted a report informing Committee of the new schemes that had been approved for inclusion in the Capital Programme for this Committee for the forthcoming financial year 2013/14.

For this Committee there were three schemes approved, totalling £593,000.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

687 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Simon Hore gave a brief update on the North West Sound Archive and how they were currently employing a Heritage Consultant to assess the Archives and look at the longer-term purpose of the Sound Archive.

688 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

689 FORTNIGHTLY WASTE PAPER COLLECTION

The Director of Community Services submitted a report asking Committee to consider the options for the continuation of the fortnightly recycling collection of

waste paper for domestic properties across the borough. He reminded Committee of the background to the contract and informed them that the current extension of the contract with Viridor would expire on 31 March 2013. Options for the continued collection of the paper have continued and are continuing to be explored but again it is not possible to enter into a long-term contract for the collection of the material until a long-term position with the County Council as waste disposal authority, was confirmed. With this in mind it was proposed that a further 6 month extension of the contract be agreed with Viridor and that within this period a long-term position be confirmed with Lancashire County Council so that the collection of the paper could be secured. Because of the short-term of the contract extension, Viridor were unwilling to accept the risk posed by a reduction in the value of the recycled paper or of recycling credits, so the extent of those risks for the contract extension was specified.

RESOLVED: That Committee

1. confirm the negotiated arrangement with Viridor of the continued collection of paper for a period of 6 months; and
2. agree that the additional costs of the service be taken from existing budgets if possible, and if not then or a request to Policy and Finance Committee be made.

The meeting closed at 7.12pm.

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