

Minutes of Community Services Committee

Meeting Date: Tuesday, 17 May 2016, starting at 6.30pm
Present: Councillor R J Thompson (Chairman)

Councillors:

J E Alcock	S Knox
R Bennett	M Robinson
A Brown	G Scott
S Carefoot	R Swarbrick
P Dobson	N Walsh
S Hind	J White

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

8 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors G Mirfin and R Newmark.

9 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2016 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

10 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no pecuniary and non-pecuniary declarations of interest.

11 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

12 APPOINTMENT OF WORKING GROUPS

The Director of Community Services asked Committee to confirm arrangements and membership for the Working Groups under the remit of this Committee. These included the Car Park Working Group; Grants Working Group; Open Space Working Group; and Public Convenience Working Group.

RESOLVED: That Committee approve the following Working Groups along with their membership:

- (a) Car Park Working Group – Councillors Thompson, Carefoot, A Brown and A Knox.
- (b) Grants Working Group – Councillors Thompson, Carefoot, A Brown and Robinson.

- (c) Open Space Working Group – Councillors Thompson, Carefoot, Bibby and Sayers.
- (d) Public Convenience Working Group – Councillor Alcock, Swarbrick, Scott and Robinson.

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ACTIVE LIVES AND HEALTHY WEIGHT CONTRACT

The Director of Community Services submitted a report for Committee's information advising them of the award of the Active Lives and Healthy Weight Contract by Lancashire County Council to carry out work on their behalf in the borough on a range of health improvement issues for local people. He highlighted that the new service specification was based around active lives and healthy weight and includes both targeted and early intervention strategies. There is less focus on clinical referral based interventions although they will still be included and a much heavier focus on a community development approach, whereas previous contracts have been aimed at adults the new specification covers a wider age range targeting families, schools, workplace and community. This will mean a more holistic way of working and also a standardised service across East Lancashire. LCC was very clear in stating that the service was to be innovative in its approach and wanted to move away from the GP referral and weight management programmes that have been delivered historically. To win this contract there has been a different approach adopted combining creativity of delivery allied to competitiveness in offering value for money. The new service will offer more client choice and a flexible approach with a range of programmes and sessions. As this is a brand new way of working in order to be successful the consortium will need proactive staff, delivering a wide range of interventions.

A legal agreement will need to be drawn up between the members of the consortium to ensure that all are party to the delivery of the contract with LCC. Pendle Leisure, as the lead body, will need to sign this.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

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100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF THE SOMME

The Director of Community Services submitted a report informing Committee of plans to work with Lancashire County Council on an event to mark the 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme. The project is entitled "Lost Generations" and the artist is Andy Farr. A plinth is to be erected at a place to be confirmed in the Castle Grounds in the vicinity of the Unknown Soldier, where members of the public can take a turn in standing on it for a period of 2 minutes in the same pose as the soldier. The Ribble Valley Mayor has been invited to be the first participant at 7am and it is envisaged the event will run until twilight dependent on the interest shown in taking part.

Members were supportive of this project but felt that the location of the plinth was paramount so as not to be disrespectful in any way. The plinth will be wood and approximately 600mm high.

Lancashire County Council would also be working with local high schools and youth groups to help them gain an understanding and appreciation of memorialisation.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

15 HYNDBURN, RIBBLE VALLEY AND ROSSENDALE CHILDREN'S PARTNERSHIP BOARD

The Director of Community Services submitted a report for Committee's information of the work of the Partnership Board of which Ribble Valley is a partner. The Partnership Board consists of Rossendale and Hyndburn as well as Ribble Valley and membership included Elected Members, officers from the districts and the county, as well as the Police and representatives from other relevant groups and individuals. The stated purpose of the board is to improve outcomes for children, young people and families. There is no intention that the Board assumes the legal responsibility of LCC nor the Lancashire Children and Young People's Trust.

There is an annual action plan for the Board which all members are involved in producing and agreeing and this, together with the others from around the county, feeds into the countrywide board which oversees the work of all groups in Lancashire. The new Prevent agenda which seeks to address the issues around radicalisation of young people is now being incorporated into the action plan for this year. It is also now a legal requirement for schools and Council's to have procedures in place to help mitigation such activity.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

16 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES 2016/17

The Chief Executive submitted a report informing Members of the outside bodies that are under the remit of the Community Services Committee and their membership. These are as follows:

Children's Trust – Councillor Stella Brunskill
Lancashire Tourism Forum – Councillor Joyce Holgate
Lancashire Waste Partnership – Councillor Ian Sayers
Langho Football Club – Councillor Alison Brown
Longridge Social Enterprise Company Ltd – Councillor Ken Hind
Ribble Valley Sports & Physical Activity Alliance (SPAA) – Councillor Jim White
Ribble Valley Sports & Recreation Association (Roefield Leisure Centre) – Councillors Robert Thompson and Noel Walsh
Salesbury & Copster Green Commons Management Committee – Councillors Peter Ainsworth, Sue Bibby and Stuart Hirst

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

17 CAPITAL OUTTURN 2015/16

The Director of Resources submitted a report for Committee's information reviewing the final outturn of the 2015/16 Capital Programme for Community

Service Committee. Actual expenditure on the Capital Programme was £439,448 which was 99.4% of the revised estimate budget. 11 of the 12 Capital Programme Schemes were completed either on budget or within budget.

The outstanding scheme – all weather pitch lighting, was removed from the Capital Programme because the LED technology required for this scheme was not available at the budgeted cost in 2015/16; this had now been included in the 2018/19 Capital Programme.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

18 GENERAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Director of Community Services submitted a report for Committee's information updating them on waste management issues, the Local Land and Property Gazetteer, car parking, Ribblesdale Pool, sports development, Platform Gallery and tourism initiatives.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

19 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

There were no reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies.

The meeting closed at 7.05pm.

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