

Minutes of Community Services Committee

Meeting Date: Tuesday, 14 March 2017 starting at 6.30pm
Present: Councillor S Carefoot (Chairman)

Councillors:

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

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

Also in attendance: Councillor M Fenton.

571 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors J Alcock, G Mirfin and R Thompson.

572 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 January 2017 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

573 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

574 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

575 RECREATIONAL/CULTURAL/ARTS DEVELOPMENT/SPORTS AND ARTS EXCELLENCE GRANTS 2017

The Director of Community Services submitted a report presenting the recommendations of the Working Group in relation to the allocation of grants under recreation/culture, individual sporting excellence, individual arts excellence and arts development grants. The purpose of these grants is to provide organisations with support for projects which enhance recreational and cultural provision, as well as seeking to assist talented young sports people in their chosen sport or in the performing arts. It was encouraging to see the range of grants for different projects in the cultural and arts sector and although the scale of grants is relatively low in monetary value, they are always well received by the individuals and organisations in receipt of them.

RESOLVED: That Committee endorse the recommendation of the Working Group as outlined in the report.

576 BEATS FOR CANCER EVENT IN CLITHEROE CASTLE GROUNDS

The Director of Community Services submitted a report outlining a request that had been submitted to hold a music event in the Castle grounds on Saturday, 19 August this year. The organisers have held similar events since 2014 based in the Castle at the bandstand and the event involves DJs playing dance music with no live acts. This year it was planned to increase the crowd capacity from 2000 to 3000 persons. It is the intention to levy an admission charge which requires the organisers to place a fence around the event area of the bandstand and the grass banking area plus the labyrinth an approximately one third of the field area.

He informed Members that the central location and the impact on local residents was the most significant issue arising from staging this event. There would be some implications for local residents and users of the Castle, including music and people arriving and departing from the site until the music curfew at 10pm. The event organisers would provide the stewarding and deal with litter arising from the event.

In previous years the event organisers had staged the event under the Council's own premises licence and just applied for a temporary licence for the sale of alcohol. This year however because of the increased numbers, it is proposed that the organisers be asked to apply for their own premises licence to stage the event for the period including the setup and breakdown of the area. The emergency services and LCC would have input into the organisers' proposals for staging the event via the Ribble Valley Safety Advisory Group. Although the nature of the music would predominantly attract a young audience, the organisers were also hoping to attract a family based audience during the daytime as in previous years. The event is staged to raise money for Cancer Research UK and Macmillan Cancer Support and is therefore a charitable event.

RESOLVED: That Committee approve

1. in principle the request to hold a music event in the Castle grounds on Saturday, 19 August 2017 subject to the normal licence approvals and confirmation by the Ribble Valley Safety Advisory Group of the event organisers' arrangements; and
2. the charge to be levied for hire of £250 plus the PRS fee plus a refundable deposit of £600.

577 REFUSE COLLECTION STICKERS

The Director of Community Services submitted a report for Members' information on the proposals for notification of the 2017/2018 refuse collections. It had been agreed that a sticker would be placed on the burgundy bins that would incorporate the Christmas collection dates and be backed up with press releases

before Christmas. There would be an additional supply of stickers sent to Parish Councils with a view to distribution to those who had not received them.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

578 CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2017/2018

The Director of Resources submitted a report for Committee's information on the schemes that had been approved for inclusion in this Committee's 2017/2018 Capital Programme. The report outlined the 9 schemes that make up the Capital Programme with detailed information.

An issue with regard to the recycling service being suspended in a small section of Low Moor, Clitheroe was raised and several questions asked about a way forward with this particular issue. The Director of Community Services informed Committee that if at any point in future the safety issue could be resolved, then the recycling service would be reinstated.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

579 PREPARATION FOR REFUSE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICES FROM 2018 (REPORT 4)

The Director of Community Services submitted a report for Committee's information on the implications for the current refuse and recycling collection services following the withdrawal by Lancashire County Council of costs sharing payments from April 2018 when over £430,000 would be lost. This was the fourth report of a proposed series of preliminary reports that would be presented to this Committee; each one focusing on a range of options available to this authority that may in part mitigate this loss of income culminating in options to be considered by Members in August.

This particular report outlined options available with regard to mothballing of the waste transfer station or alternatively passing back the responsibility to the County Council to operate the facility as ultimately this is a waste disposal function. Questions had been asked of the County Council seeking information on their future plans for the mothballed waste technology facilities and whether any incentives would be offered to districts in continuing with current arrangements. At this stage, it was difficult to provide Members with sufficient guidance as to whether the mothballing of the waste transfer station would generate sufficient savings. The mothballing of the facility would certainly require the separated material waste streams to be delivered to locations outside the borough boundary. It was anticipated that the proposed meeting with the Director of Community Services for Lancashire County Council would conclude future responsibilities and arrangements for dealing with collected waste streams. Until the position with the County Council was clarified it was difficult to investigate this option as the County Council are ultimately responsible for waste transfer and disposal.

He made reference to the joint expression of interest with other Lancashire districts for funded consultancy support through the WRAP (Waste Resources Action Programme) framework for greater consistency in household recycling in England and informed Committee that whilst the application reached the final funding appraisal stage, it was suggested that the consultancy review would not be completed until March 2018 by which time it was anticipated that decisions would have already been made and measures put in place and therefore officers had withdrawn from the process.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

580 GENERAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Director of Community Services submitted a report updating Committee on the exhibition programme for the coming year at the Platform Gallery and on tourism activities, namely the new published Visitor Guide and website refresh.

581 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).