

Minutes of Community Services Committee

Meeting Date: Tuesday, 12 March 2019, starting at 6.30pm
Present: Councillor S Hore (Chairman)

Councillors:

J E Alcock	R Newmark
A Brown	M Robinson
R Hargreaves	I Sayers
K Hind	G Scott
S Knox	N Walsh

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

Also in attendance: Councillor M Fenton.

672 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors S Hind, S Hirst, J Holgate and J White.

673 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 January 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Progress with regard to Minute 532 – Clitheroe Town Wells was sought from the Committee and a report requested for the next meeting.

674 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor S Knox declared an interest in Agenda item 6 – Up and Active Programme.

675 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman welcomed Mr G Jackson to speak on Agenda item 7 – Henthorn Road Youth Shelter.

Mr Jackson made a plea for the youths of the town to retain the youth shelter on Henthorn Road. As an ex youth service worker he felt it was important to provide some facilities for young people. He also spoke about the demise of youth services generally but particularly in Clitheroe.

The Chairman thanked Mr Jackson for attending.

676 RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL, ARTS DEVELOPMENT, SPORTING AND ARTS EXCELLENCE GRANTS

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. He informed Committee that the number of grants awarded across all categories was healthy with the level of achievement in the young people who applied for sport and arts excellence grants being especially high.

There was a good range of grants for different projects in the recreational and arts sectors with a good spread across the whole of the borough.

The Working Group had considered the applications at a meeting on 28 February 2019 and had been impressed with the quality of many of the applications but recognised the difficulty of allocating limited resources by assessing comparative values of applications that deserve more support than the Council can give.

RESOLVED: That Committee endorse the recommendations of the Working Group as outlined in the Appendices to the report (See end of Minutes).

Councillor S Knox declared an interest in the next item of business.

677 UP AND ACTIVE PROGRAMME

The Director of Community Services submitted a report updating Committee about the East Lancashire Up and Active Programme and notifying them of a Lancashire County Council budget consultation. The Council had been commissioned to manage the Fitness for Life exercise referral programme from 1998 until 2016.

Fitness for Life was commissioned by Lancashire County Council who decommissioned all lifestyle services across Lancashire in 2016 and issued a tender for a new service called Active Lives and Healthy Weight.

The service contract was divided in five lots, one of these being East Lancashire. To win the contract the Borough Council worked in partnership with the Leisure Trusts in East Lancashire. The contract value was £832,825 fixed for the life of the contract for which the Borough Council receives £111,000 to deliver the Up and Active Programme in Ribble Valley. The emphasis of the programme is prevention and a population approach to delivery is operated.

The programme has been very successful delivering a wide range of activities to all age groups and the sessions and programmes continue to get more popular and we continue to engage with more people.

The contract was fixed term until the end of March 2019. The Borough Council employ two full time and three part time officers on fixed term contracts to deliver the programme. There is also one full time officer managing the programme and one part time community instruction on permanent contracts. The contract was extended by Lancashire County Council until the end of March 2020.

Recent written confirmation from Lancashire County Council informed that the contract was subject to a consultation process though their proposal is to terminate the funding after the extension year. This would see the benefits of the scheme a loss to many people of the borough.

The consultation process was open to both a formal response from the Council and from many others including the current participants to respond individually.

Committee discussed this issue in some detail and felt very aggrieved that this programme should be under threat as it plays a large part in the lives of people benefitting from the programme especially those who are currently unable to join already established activity classes at facilities in the borough, due to health issues.

RESOLVED: That Committee

1. approve the Director of Community Services to provide a response to the LCC consultation which recommends a continuation of the scheme;
2. prepare a briefing for current scheme users outlining the potential outcome of the consultation and urging them to respond; and
3. write to the borough's LCC Councillors and Leader of LCC stressing the importance of this service and expressing the Council's concern at the possible termination of this contract.

678 HENTHORN ROAD YOUTH SHELTER – REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Director of Community Services submitted a report following up to previous reports considered by Committee at the January and May 2018 meetings where the Committee had agreed to retain the shelter. Since that time the issues with the shelter had not gone away and despite a regular cleaning regime to remove litter, complaints had still been received about the shelter being retained and the activities that occur there.

As referred to by the public participation speaker, the original purpose of the shelter was to act as a gathering place where youth workers would interact with young people as a group and provide alternative or diversionary activities for them to be engaged in, however there was no outreach work at this site by Lancashire County Council now.

Discussions had taken place with LCC however there would be no additional youth resources deployed to this site in the future.

Committee discussed the issue of the youth shelter and the pros and cons to its retention or removal for both young people and the residents in the immediate area.

RESOLVED: That Committee

1. agree to retain the youth shelter on Henthorn Road, Clitheroe at the present time;
2. refer the issue of anti-social behaviour to the Community Safety Partnership for their consideration;

3. investigate appropriate signage that can be put up at the youth shelter regarding antisocial behaviour; and
4. review the issue again in 12 months' time unless events make it necessary to do so beforehand.

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WASTE AND RESOURCES STRATEGY 2019 CONSULTATION

The Director of Community Services submitted a report for Committee to consider the consultation on the Government Waste and Resource Strategy 2019.

The document from DEFRA had now been released for the first consultation that started on Monday, 18 February for 12 weeks. The eight chapters contained in the Waste and Resource Strategy 2019 considered sustainable production; helping consumers take more considered actions; resource recovery and waste management; tackling waste crime; enough is enough: cutting down on food waste; global Britain; international leadership; research and innovation and measuring progress: data, monitoring and evaluation.

The three major consultations that DEFRA intend to launch are deposit return schemes, collection systems and extended producer responsibility. Out of the three consultations, the collection systems one is the most important issue for the Borough Council.

Committee discussed in some detail the recycling issues surrounding the Council and the need for a simple system to be in place in order to encourage the ordinary householder to recycle properly.

RESOLVED: That Committee delegate authority to the Director of Community Services to respond to the consultations on behalf of the Council.

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ARTIFICIAL PITCHES

The Director of Community Services submitted a report outlining a proposal to hold the existing charge for the artificial pitches on Edisford Road during April 2019 until the closure of the site for redevelopment.

He reminded Committee that the Council was in the process of investing up to £1.4m to enhance and improve the artificial surfaces on Edisford Road. However the current services have been deteriorating for some time which has culminated in the closure of one pitch, which was inconvenient to many of our customers and disrupted their training.

In recognition of the problems being experienced with the existing surface it was proposed to retain the 2018/19 pitch charges from the 1 April until the site closes for redevelopment. These fees would normally be increased effective from 1 April and a gesture of goodwill from the Council this would be welcomed by the users.

RESOLVED: That Committee agree not to apply the inflation increase to the current facility charges from 1 April 2019 to the date of closure.

681 CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2019/20

The Director of Resources submitted a report informing Members of the schemes approved for inclusion in this Committee's 2019/20 Capital Programme. The report also requests approval for the inclusion of a further capital scheme within this programme relating to the replacement of a leased car parking van. The most economical solution was to purchase a van rather than lease a van, even though this would cost slightly more.

RESOLVED: That Committee recommend approval of additional capital budget for 2019/20 to Policy and Finance Committee of £11,500 for the replacement of lease car parking van KR16 HFT to be funded by contributions to capital resources from the car park administration revenue budget.

682 REVENUE MONITORING 2018/19

The Director of Resources submitted a report informing Committee of the position for the period April to January 2019 of this year's revised revenue budget as far as this Committee was concerned.

A comparison by Cost Centre was shown between actual expenditure and the revised estimate for the period. After allowing for transfers to and from earmarked reserves there was an underspend of £41,622 at this time.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

683 CURRENT PRACTICES IN REFUSE COLLECTION

The Director of Community Services submitted a report for Committee's information about the refuse and recycling service offered by the Council. Committee were reminded that the Council's waste management services were designed specifically to suit the geographic and demographic characteristics of the borough and the Biennial Satisfaction Survey had shown consistently high levels of satisfaction among residents for these services.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

684 PURCHASE OF SECOND HAND VEHICLE – EXEMPTION TO CONTRACT PROCEDURE RULES

The Director of Community Services submitted a report for Committee's information informing them of an approval to make an exemption to contract procedure rules in order to purchase a second hand refuse collection vehicle to replace the paper collection vehicle VU06 TKN.

This was a second hand vehicle that had been used for the last five years and had proven to be good value for money. The application to make an exemption to the normal contract procedure rules had been approved by the Director of Resources and the Head of Legal and Democratic Services as per Standing Orders.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

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GENERAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Director of Community Services submitted a report informing Committee of the Longridge off-site contribution that the Council had been successful in obtaining from a Section 106 Agreement with the developer at Dilworth Lane. A portion of this sum would be given to Longridge Cricket Club to enable them to improve their cricket wicket provision.

RESOLVED: that the report be noted.

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REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

There were no reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

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

RECREATION / CULTURE GRANT PROPOSALS 2019/20

Appendix 1

ORGANISATION	PROJECT	COST	GRANT REQUEST	PREVIOUS GRANTS	PROPOSAL
Ribble Valley Vipers	To support the progress of growth in numbers of females over the age of 13 playing cricket	£3790	£1590	None	£1590
Clitheroe Cricket, Bowling and Tennis Club	Community outdoor seating	£23,288	£5000	2015 - £500 2016 - £2000 2017 - £1000 2018 – nil	Nil
Clitheroe Cricket Club	Purchase of outfield mower	£9000	£3500	2015 - £500 2016 - £2000 2017 - £1000 2018 - £840	Nil
Ribble Valley Gateway Trust (The Grand)	Love Clitheroe Events – 2 annual community events – Summer BBQ and Carols at the Castle	£11,790	£3000	Nil	£1500
Chatburn Parish Council	Double swing for playground	£2805	£1400	2013 - £4000 2015 - £1500	£700
RV Sport and Recreation Leisure Centre (Roefield)	Multi sports programme – transport element	£4900	£1400		Nil
Salesbury Cricket Club	Provision of female facilities and suitable entrance for those with mobility issues	£100,000	£7000	2012	£7000
Rimington Recreation Association	Re-site and upgrade children’s playground to a single site adjacent to the new pavilion	£38,200	£10,000	Many years ago	£2500

Longridge Cricket Club	Clubhouse refurbishment and revitalisation	£21,680	£6900		£2200
Ribchester Rovers Football Club	Set up of 3 youth pitches – nets, corner flags, benches etc	£12,144	£8500		£6500
Bolton-by-Bowland Cricket Club	Upgrading of pavilion (3 phases) Phase 1 – upgrading of toilets and refreshment preparation area	£13,000	£5000		£2500
RV Community Sports Trust	Pavilion and car park improvements at Highmoor Park, Clitheroe	£100,000	£5000		£2500
Queen Elizabeth 11 Playing Fields Charitable Trust	Reinstatement of public footpath – access to facility		£10,000		Nil
Clitheroe Football Club	Replacement stand	£40,000	£10,000		Nil
Clitheroe Town Council	Promotion of 1 summer band concert and Last Night of the Proms concert	£1500	£750	2017 - £400 And for many years before for a larger number of concerts 2018 - £400	£400
Clitheroe Concerts Society	Provision of chamber concerts	£13,950	£500	Not for a while but in years past 2018 - £500	£500
St James' Church	Installation of purpose built toddler safe barrier and play equipment	£1536	£750		Nil
				TOTAL	£27,890

ARTS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT 2019/20

Appendix 2

ORGANISATION	PROJECT	COST	GRANT REQUEST	PROPOSAL
Spot On Lancashire in the Ribble Valley	Supporting five core volunteer venues of Tosside, Simonstone, Mellor Brook, Hurst Green, and Dunsop Bridge and libraries in Clitheroe and Longridge to host professional performing arts performances.	£17,670	£900	£700
Atlantic Contemporary Art	Providing access to a mobile art school to groups, individuals and businesses in the local area, an alternative for those without the time or transport to commit to full or part time courses.	£5,500	£2,500	£600
Ribble Valley Jazz and Blues	High profile event taking place 2 – 6 May 2019 in Clitheroe, and in Ribble Valley Villages including Mitton, Sawley, Downham, Worston, and Longridge town, presenting live music at indoor & outdoor, ticketed and free events featuring 400+ local regional and international musicians.	£69,110	£3,000	£1,000
Be My Band	Bringing together young people who have mutual interest in playing an instrument	£6,270	£3,000	Nil
Muck or Nettles	A festival of light taking place on Saturday February 8 th 2020. Free community event including a day of activity for families within Clitheroe, lantern making workshops concluding with a spectacular lantern parade.	£10,403	£2,000	£800
Forestry Commission England	Creating a new outdoor performance stage / studio at the Gisburn Forest Hub. Commissioning experienced outdoor architect Lee Ivett (UCLAN). The structure will be used for future artistic and educational purposes.	£8,787	£2,000	£1100
			TOTAL	£4,200

SPORTING EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2019

Appendix 3

NAME	AGE	SPORT	STANDARD	SCORE	Suggested AWARD (£)
Thea Cameron	18	Climbing	GB	30	600
Hattie Varley	13	Swimming	National (England)	25	500
Lucy Naylor	17	Cycling	GB	24	500
Oliver Murray	19	Modern Pentathlon	GB	24	500
Martha Smith	17	Swimming	National (Wales)	23	400
Olivia Kate Cordeau	12	Rhythmic Gymnastics	National/Regional	22	400
Finlay Royle	9	Slalom Skiing	National	21	300
Cara Milne-Redhead	17	Football	National (Scotland)	21	300
Lilly Ella-Mae Smith	11	Rhythmic Gymnastics	National	21	300
Alasdair Moir	17	Modern Pentathlon	National	21	300
Charlotte Williams	17	Athletics - Hammer	National	20	200
Olivia Maudsley	11	Netball	Regional +	20	200
Caitlin Wilson	11	Swimming	Regional	20	200
Charles Paige	17	Road Cycling	National	18	200
Lucy Taylor	9	Rhythmic Gymnastics	National/Regional	18	200
Eleanor Jorgenesen	16	Netball	Regional +	16	100
Louisa Rishton	10	Skiing	Regional/ National	15	100
Christopher Brand	16	Athletics - Sprinting	County/Regional	10	50
				TOTAL	£5350

ARTS EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2019

Appendix 4

NAME	AGE	ART	GRANT
Suzanne Garth – Jones	19	Dance	£550
Robyn Fallon	17	Dance (Ballet)	£550
Oliver Fulwell	18	Trombone, Piano, Singing	£500
Emma West	16	Contemporary Dance	£450
Matthew Hurst	12	Baritone	£350
Olivia Hurst	14	Cornet	£350
Noah Garley	10	Freestyle Dance	£300
Millie Marsh	13	Harp	£300
Lottie Guifoyle	9	Dance	£300
Leo Peat	13	Piano, Trombone	£250
Rebecca Taylor	14	Dance	£250
Olivia Dalzel Job	11	Singing	£200
Elijah Critchley	16	Drama	£200
Jacob Marsh	10	Drums	£150
Meeka Bradley	13	Guitar, Singing	£100
Mia Louise Martin	10	Gymnastics	£50
		TOTAL	£4850