

**COMMUNITY & CIVIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**12<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

Present: Chairman: Councillor East  
Mayor: Councillor Gay

Councillors: Bridewell      Burton      Corbett  
                  Geddes      Hunter      Nash  
                  Oliver      Rose

Officers: Simon Fisher, Town Clerk  
           Jan Rendle, Committee Administrator

Members of the Public: 19

**275. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021, having been circulated to all Members were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**276. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Hopkins.

**277. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

None disclosed.

**278. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A reporter from the Wiltshire Gazette & Herald was present, together with 18 members of the public.

The Chairman brought forward the report for decision on The Shambles as the first matter to be discussed, in view of the public interest.

**279. FOR DECISION – SHAMBLES WORKING PARTY REPORT**

Following some discussion, it was noted that strategic and long-term decisions concerning the Shambles had been referred back to Full Council, but that maintenance and short-term issues could be considered by the Community & Civic Resources Committee.

Members welcomed the working party's report and it was proposed by Councillor Corbett, seconded by Councillor Burton and AGREED

THAT the Committee recognises the report and requests that Officers scope out the cost of recommendations F(a-k) together with E(e) with a potential timescale for such a programme of works, to be brought back to Full Council for consideration.

**280. FOR INFORMATION – SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS PAID**

The report was received and noted.

**281. FOR INFORMATION - NARRATIVE INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

Members commended Officers for the revised format of the report, which was much improved and informative.

**282. FOR INFORMATION – REPORTS FROM UNITARY MEMBERS**

Councillor Nash had circulated information from Wiltshire Council prior to the meeting, confirming the installation of new car park payment machines. Councillor Wallis informed the meeting that Cabinet had approved Wiltshire Council's electric vehicle charging strategy, to include grants for Town Councils to install charging points on Wiltshire Council's land.

**283. FOR INFORMATION – REPORT FROM DEVIZES DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP**

The report was received and noted.

**284. FOR DECISION – ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY**

Following a long discussion in which it was confirmed that there is no time limit on the spending of CIL money and therefore no rush to commit to allocating the money, it was proposed by Councillor Bridewell, seconded by Councillor Burton and AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT £4,000 would be allocated for the installation of a concrete table tennis table in Hillworth Park, a project that had previously been approved by Councillors but put on hold pending funding.

It was further proposed by Councillor Corbett, seconded by Councillor Oliver and AGREED

THAT £100,000 would be ringfenced towards the future installation of a splash pad, a project previously approved by Councillors.

It was further proposed by Councillor Hunter, seconded by Councillor Oliver and AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT a working party group would be set up in the next financial year to look again at the balance of CIL money and to consider possible uses of the fund.

**285. FOR DECISION – BUDO CLUB DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

It was proposed by Councillor Corbett, seconded by Councillor Bridewell and AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT the CIL funding offer to the Budo Club for a new Martial Arts Centre (DOJO) as an extension to the Green Lane sports facility would be extended for a further year until February 2024.

**286. FOR DECISION – WILTSHIRE COUNCIL CLIMATE STRATEGY CONSULTATION**

It was proposed by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Hunter and AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT the Committee accepts the recommended responses to the Wiltshire Council Climate Change Strategy, as submitted by the Sustainability working party.

**287. FOR DECISION – ROUNDWAY HOSPITAL BURIAL GROUND PROJECT**

It was acknowledged that the various agencies involved in the working party had cooperated well together to move this project forward. The Committee was advised that designation of the burial ground as a churchyard would enable the possibility of sourcing outside funding for future works.

It was proposed by Councillor Nash, seconded by Councillor Gay and AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT the Committee accepts the two working party recommendations as detailed in the agenda, for what would henceforth be known as the Roundway Hospital Churchyard project.

**288. FOR DECISION – PROVISION OF OVERNIGHT PARKING FOR MOTOR HOMES IN DEVIZES**

Members considered that there would be an economic benefit to the town of such a facility, and Councillor Geddes proposed, Councillor Hunter seconded and it was AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT the Committee supports the proposed provision of overnight parking for motor homes in Devizes, and will lobby Wiltshire Council for the identification of suitable sites accordingly.

**289. FOR DECISION – COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE NURSTEED CENTRE COMMITTEE**

It was proposed by Councillor Nash, seconded by Councillor Hunter and AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT Councillor Pennington is appointed as the Council representative for the Nursteed Centre Committee.

**290. FOR DECISION – COUNCIL TRUSTEE FOR THE DEVIZES ALMSHOUSE CHARITY**

It was noted that when previously nominated, the trustee had been asked to provide a report on her involvement with the Almshouse Charity, but that none had been received, nor had anything yet been received for this last tenure. Members considered it unsatisfactory to nominate a representative of the Town Council with no indication of their role, and where the expectation would be of an annual report.

It was therefore proposed by Councillor Geddes, seconded by Councillor Burton and AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT a decision to appoint a non-Councillor for the Devizes Almshouse Charity would be deferred until a report had been received.

**291. QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions.

CHAIRMAN