

COMMUNITY & CIVIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE

27th September 2022

Present: Mayor: Councillor Corbett
Chairman: Councillor Nash

Councillors: Burton Gay Geddes
 Hoult Hunter Oliver
 Rose Stevens

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

Members of the Public: 17

211. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 16th August 2022, having been circulated to all Members were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

212. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Bridewell and Hopkins .

213. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were none.

214. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were 17 members of the public.

215. FOR DECISION – PUBLIC LIVING ROOM INITIATIVE

Nicola Harris provided members with a brief history of the Devizes Public Living Room, and two users of the scheme also addressed the meeting, explaining the positive impact it has had on their lives in combatting their social isolation. Councillors who had taken the opportunity to visit the PLR in the Cheese Hall expressed their admiration for the initiative, and considered it to be a cost-effective way to provide support to those in need of help to overcome loneliness and isolation.

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

THAT the Committee agrees support for the Public Living Room initiative by providing free use of the Cheese Hall on Friday afternoons until mid-spring.

216. FOR INFORMATION – SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS PAID

The report was received and noted.

217. FOR INFORMATION – NARRATIVE INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AND KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS 2022/2023

The report was received and noted.

218. FOR INFORMATION – REPORTS FROM UNITARY MEMBERS

The report was received and noted.

219. FOR INFORMATION – CHRISTMAS LIGHTS WORKING PARTY

Councillor Burton was thanked for her report.

In view of the unsubstantiated speculation on local social media that the town's Christmas lights would prove unaffordable this year due to increased energy costs, officers were asked to publish reassurance to the public that Devizes would again be decorated with Christmas lights during the festive season.

220. FOR DECISION – MANAGEMENT OF THE PIGEON PROBLEM IN THE TOWN CENTRE

Following some discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Corbett and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED

THAT if other non-lethal measures are not practicable or economically effective, a limited trapping licence should be pursued. Officers to report back to the Committee having discussed with tenants their contribution and how best to protect their buildings.

221. FOR DECISION – STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW 2023-2028

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

THAT the existing five members of the strategic project group, being Councillors Brown, Corbett, Hopkins, Oliver and Wallis, continue to take the strategic plan forward.

222. FOR DECISION – STRATEGIC PROJECT GROUP

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

THAT the same strategic project group members, being Councillors Brown, Corbett, Hopkins, Oliver and Wallis, develop a list of strategic projects.

223. FOR DECISION – SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY REVIEW

Following some discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Nash, seconded by Councillor Rose and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED

THAT the Committee adopts the revised Social Media Policy as presented to the meeting.

224. FOR INFORMATION – DEVIZES ASSIZE COURTS TRUST (DACT)

It was confirmed that the Town Council would be approached in due course for contributory funding in the region of tens of thousands of pounds by DACT, and that such local funding was essential in order that the project would be able to access matched funding from other donors. It was expected that the CIL budget would be an appropriate source for this.

225. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

CHAIRMAN