



BEWDLEY
Town Council

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON
MONDAY 19th MARCH 2018 AT 6.00PM AT THE GUILDHALL**

PRESENT

Cllr Linda Candlin (Chair)
Cllr Calne Edginton-White
Cllr Mary Fishwick
Cllr Derek Killingworth
Mrs Cat Banks (until 6.35pm)
Mr Martin Guard
Mr Richard Perrin
Mr Peter Michael

In attendance: Cllr Anna Coleman (Mayor)
Nick Farress, Town Clerk

151 Apologies

Cllr Davies, Cllr Yarranton, Mrs Alison Bakr and Kyle Daisley (Community Engagement and Events Officer).

152 Declarations of Interest

None

153 Dispensations

None

Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

154 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th January 2018 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

155 Community Market

Councillor Edginton-White presented a report prepared by the Community Engagement and Events Officer recommending that the Council set up and operate a "community" market to run alongside the twice monthly market operated by LSD Promotions. The market would be free of charge and is designed for community groups, local people and schools to showcase what they do and sell the things they have made or baked. Mrs Banks expressed concern about the market clashing with local traders, but it was explained that this was not the purpose of the market and should not be seen as a threat to any existing shops in the town. Councillor Killingworth asked that more detail is provided to the Committee. The Town Clerk reminded Members that the report was asking for an "in principle" agreement subject to further information gathering and funding.

AGREED

- (i) That the Community Market concept as put forward by the Community Engagement Officer is agreed in principle;
- (ii) That the Community Engagement Officer be asked to provide evidence of the demand for this kind of market and report back to the next Committee meeting.

156 Community Involvement Plan – Beale’s Corner Flood Barriers

The Town Clerk presented the latest version of the Community Involvement Plan following last year’s deployment exercise and visit to the EA flood control centre in Tewkesbury.

AGREED

To accept and agree the Community Involvement Plan.

157 Car Parks – Meeting with Rowing Club

The Town Clerk updated the Committee following a meeting with the Chairman of the Rowing Club in relation to a potential joint project to develop the Club’s field into a formal car parking area for the benefit of the Club and the Town. The meeting was not positive and the Chairman of the Club confirmed that they would not be willing or able to progress this project due to some covenants on the land. This potential project would be shelved for now with the possibility of re-visiting this in the future.

158 Neighbourhood Plan

The Town Clerk presented the notes of recent meetings of the Steering Group, and also the latest draft of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan for approval. Some minor amendments were put forward to the Draft Plan which were:

- Steering Group to look again at Policy CW3 to remove specific reference to the Football Club;
- Beaucastle is one word not two (section 2.17);
- Steering Group to look at strengthening Objective K in relation to drainage;
- Add in reference to Civic Society in section 2.18;
- Add in protection for hedgerows in section 8.26.

AGREED

- (i) That the notes of the Steering Group meetings held on the 19th February and 12th March are accepted;
- (ii) that the changes above are actioned by the Town Clerk and the draft Plan move onto Regulation 14 Consultation.

159 Police Liaison Group

The notes of a meeting of the Police Liaison Group were received. Concern was raised about the fact that the number of PCSO’s is to be reduced to two. Councillor Killingworth was to address the Wyre Forest MP on policing issues at the following day’s NALC Lobby Day in Westminster. It was also noted that the new Inspector who announced his departure after 10 weeks was to stay in post for the foreseeable future.

AGREED

That the notes of the Police Liaison Group held on the 24th January 2018 are accepted.

160 Together Group

As there were no Members of the Together Group present, the notes of the most recent meeting held on the 13th March will be circulated to all Committee Members once prepared by the Assistant Town Clerk.

161 Town Plan Working Group

The notes of the most recent meetings of the Town Plan Working Group were presented by the Town Clerk, along with the latest draft of the project plan/matrix.

AGREED

- (i) To accept the notes of meetings of the Group held on the 29th January, 12th February and 12th March 2018;
- (ii) To agree the latest version of the project plan/matrix and allow the Group to progress the Town Plan on this basis.

162 Future Agenda Items

The following items would be added to the Agenda for the next meeting:

- (i) Load Street Car Park and the green space
- (ii) Leisure Centre ownership and future usage
- (iii) Update on the Stanley Baldwin Statue
- (iv) Community Market

Date and Time of Next Meeting

To note that an additional meeting of the Community Development Committee will be held on Wednesday 18th April 2018 in the Guildhall, with the next scheduled ordinary meeting on 21st May 2018.

The meeting closed at 7.20pm

Signed.....

Chairman Community Development Committee – 21st May 2018