



BEWDLEY
Town Council

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON
MONDAY 15th JANUARY 2018 AT 6.00PM AT THE GUILDHALL**

PRESENT

Cllr Calne Edginton-White (Chair)
Cllr Mary Fishwick
Cllr Derek Killingworth
Mrs Alison Bakr
Mrs Cat Banks
Mr Martin Guard

In attendance: Cllr Roger Coleman
Nick Farress, Town Clerk

140 Apologies

Cllr Candlin, Cllr Davies, Cllr Yarranton, Peter Michael, Richard Perrin and Kyle Daisley (Community Engagement and Events Officer).

141 Declarations of Interest

None

142 Dispensations

None

Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

143 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th November 2017 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

144 Together Group

The notes of the Together Group meeting held on the 5th December 2017 were received.

AGREED

That the notes and actions of the meeting of the Group held on the 5th December 2017 are accepted and approved.

145 Road Safety working Group

The Town Clerk reported on Cllr Becky Vale's robust discussion held at County Hall where problems relating to Welch Gate air pollution and other road safety issues in Bewdley were discussed. Despite initial negative responses, the case put forward by Cllr Vale was supported by Cllr Alan Amos, the Portfolio Holder for Highways who has subsequently arranged (with Martin Rowe, Transport Strategy Manager) for the County Council to undertake a Bewdley Traffic Management Study. A Scoping Note had been produced which is not a public document but had been seen by the Group. A briefing note was to be prepared for Cllr Vale to

take back to Highways summarising the aims and objectives of any traffic management scheme along with the Group's thoughts on some of the options put forward in the Scoping Note. The options, once formalised, would then be the subject of a full public consultation which will be led by Worcestershire County Council.

AGREED

To accept the Town Clerks verbal report as noted above.

146 Neighbourhood Plan

The Town Clerk advised the Committee that we now had a "draft" of the Neighbourhood Plan and that the Steering Group would be looking through it at a meeting following this one. The draft, once agreed by the Steering Group, would then be approved by this Committee and the Council before commencing the formal "Regulation 14" full public consultation.

AGREED

That the verbal report from the Town Clerk is accepted as noted above.

147 Car Parks

As per Minute 134, Members were asked to suggest any potential sites that could be viable for a new car park in the town centre area. The following sites were put forward:

- (i) Land behind the Rowing Club on Riverside North currently in their ownership and used for boat storage;
- (ii) Land behind the Fire Station currently being used as a site storage area whilst the new lower level Load Street car park is being built;
- (iii) The Bowling Club site on Riverside North.

Mrs Bakr asked whether there was any evidence that more car parking was needed in the town centre. Cllr Edginton-White advised that it was a corporate objective of the Town Council to own/manage car parking in the town and that a new car park on the Wribbenhall side of the bridge had been identified by the Town Council and the County Council as a way of managing traffic congestion and air quality in the town centre, and reducing strain on the bridge.

AGREED

- (i) That the Town Clerk writes to the Rowing Club to ask whether they would be willing to discuss the land behind the club as a possible shared car parking project;
- (ii) That the Town Clerk follows up with the County Council the plans for the land behind the Fire Station;
- (iii) That the Town Clerk adds all the privately operated car parks on the Town Council's website.

148 Festive Lighting – New Contract

The Town Clerk presented a specification for the provision of Christmas lighting for the next three years as our contract with Gala Lights had now expired. As the contract is worth over £20,000, the Council's formal tendering process will be used as per the Financial Regulations.

AGREED

To approve the specification and authorise the Town Clerk to begin the tendering process in line with the agreed budget.

149 Wyre Hill Play Area

The Town Clerk presented a policy document and inspection guidance in readiness for taking on the play area. The equipment itinerary, inspection records

and current maintenance programme were being awaited from WFDC. A risk assessment for the play area would also need to be carried out. It was noted that a piece of expired equipment had been removed from the park and that a replacement needed to be considered. The Mayor was meeting with some concerned users of the park tomorrow and would feed back to the Town Clerk in due course.

AGREED

To re-convene an additional Committee meeting on the 29th January 2018 to allow time for Members read the documents and collate any questions/comments they may have.

150 Future Agenda Items

- (i) Wyre Hill Play Area
- (ii) Community Involvement Plan – Beale’s Corner Flood Barriers
- (iii) Load Street Car Park Update

Date and Time of Next Meeting

To note that an additional meeting of the Community Development Committee will be held on **Monday 29th JANUARY 2018** at **6.00pm** in the Guildhall, with the next scheduled ordinary meeting on 19th March 2018.

The meeting closed at 7.10pm

Signed.....

Chairman Community Development Committee – 19th March 2018