



**Minutes of a Meeting of the Community Services Committee**  
**Held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 6:00 pm at the Memorial Hall Newmarket**

**Attendance:**

Councillor P Winter (Chairman)  
Councillor A Drummond  
Councillor W Hirst  
Councillor R Hood  
Councillor P Hulbert

Councillor M Jefferys  
Councillor J Lay  
Councillor R Nobbs  
Councillor C O'Neill  
Councillor D Wright

Also Present: Roberta Bennett - TCM, Julie Ashton – Minute Assistant, Debbie Gray & George McGrath – Racing Centre, 1 Member of the Press and 1 Member of the Public.

Minute	Action by
<p><b><u>C/18/10/1 CHAIRMAN TO READ FIRE SAFETY NOTICE AND ANNOUNCE THAT PROCEEDINGS MAY BE FILMED OR RECORDED</u></b></p>	
<p>The Chairman opened the meeting and read out the Fire Safety Notice and announced that the meeting may be filmed or recorded.</p>	
<p><b><u>C/18/10/2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u></b></p>	
<p>Apologies were received from Cllrs Anderson, Clarke, Morrey, Starkey and Wadham. Cllr Appleby was absent.</p>	
<p><b><u>C/18/10/3 DECLARATION OF MEMBER'S INTERESTS AND TO REMIND COUNCILLORS OF THE NEED TO KEEP UP TO DATE THEIR REGISTER OF MEMBER'S INTERESTS AND TO CONSIDER ANY REQUESTS RECEIVED FOR MEMBERS DISPENSATION</u></b></p>	
<p>None noted.</p>	
<p><b><u>C/18/10/4 TO RECEIVE AND CONFIRM FOR ACCURACY THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018 AND ANY MATTERS ARISING</u></b></p>	
<p>Members received the minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018 and the following was agreed:</p>	
<p><b><u>C/18/10/4.01 Resolved</u></b> <b>That the minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup>September 2018 be adopted and signed as a true record by the Chairman of the Community Services Committee.</b></p>	
<p>There were no matters arising.</p>	
<p><b><u>C/18/10/5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AN INVITATION TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO PUT QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS OF NOT MORE THAN 3 MINUTES DURATION. NO RESOLUTIONS</u></b></p>	

**CAN BE MADE BUT COUNCILLORS ARE VERY HAPPY FOR MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THEIR ATTENTION**

None noted.

**C/18/10/6 TO RECEIVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2018**

TCM advised that although we were half way through the year only one quarter had been paid for the SLA and that the next quarter was due soon. The accounts for September were noted.

**C/18/10/7 TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE RACING CENTRE**

The Chairman welcomed Debbie Gray and George McGrath to the meeting and an update on the Racing Centre was given. George advised that the ambition of the centre was to make it a community hub for all and not just for the racing community. It aimed to reach all ages of the community from children through to senior residents. Debbie advised of the events planned before Christmas which included the following:

27<sup>th</sup> October – Children’s Halloween Party  
8<sup>th</sup> November – Togs and Toy Sale  
7<sup>th</sup> December – Comedy Night  
8<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Meal  
16<sup>th</sup> December – Children’s Christmas Party

The Racing Centre website was being updated to allow you to book and pay online and an offer was made to include a link to their website on the NTC website which was accepted. Details of the upcoming events would be added to the Town diary.

The Chairman thanked Debbie and George for the update and they left the meeting.

**C/18/10/8 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

The Chairman advised that there had been issues with the contract and a revised contract had been received. TCM would seek further clarification before signing it. TCM advised that the costs would be the same as the previous year and would be within the allocated budget.

**C/18/10/9 TO RECEIVE QUOTES FOR THE CEMETERY HEDGE**

Three quotes were considered to plant a hedge at the Cemetery and the following was agreed:

**C/18/10/9.01 Recommendation**

**That the quote from West Suffolk for £2,750.86 be accepted.**

**C/18/10/10 TO RECEIVE EMAILS REGARDING HANGING BASKETS TRANSPORT**

The Chairman advised that the current baskets were over ten years old and needed to be replaced with more efficient ones that could retain water and save on watering costs. It was noted that there was no budget for purchasing new baskets and the following was agreed:

**C/18/10/10.01 Recommendation**

**That new hanging baskets be purchased for £4,334.2 + VAT for a one off capital cost out of the reserves.**

**C/18/10/11 SPEEDING ISSUES AT BIRD CAGE WALK**

The Chairman advised that complaints had been received regarding speeding vehicles along Bird Cage Walk and the following was agreed:

**C/18/10.11.01 Recommendation**

**That a letter be sent to Suffolk Highways to inform them of the issues and that Bird Cage Walk be added to the SID list.**

**C/18/10/12 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE CLOCK TOWER APPLICATION**

The Chairman advised that the plans for the planting in the middle of the roundabout needed to be withdrawn and a request would be made to remove this from the design application.

**C/18/10.12.01 Recommendation**

**That the planting in the centre of the roundabout be removed from the scheme.**

**C/18/10/13 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE MEMORIAL GARDENS MASTERPLAN**

Members were advised that a request had been received for an extension to the tender deadline and an additional 5 days had been offered to all. The new date for tenders to be received was 12<sup>th</sup> October and a decision would be made by 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

**C/18/10/14 CORRESPONDENCE**

TCM advised that a resident had brought forward an idea for Purple Tuesday a National campaign to promote accessibility to shopping. A Town wide event would be held on 13<sup>th</sup> November supported by retailers. The following was agreed:

**C/18/10.14.01 Recommendation**

**That NTC endorses Purple Tuesday.**

**C/18/10/15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at the Memorial Hall

**C/18/10/16 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

- Remembrance Sunday report

Meeting closed at 6:37pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_