



Newmarket

TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Community Services Committee **Held on Monday 4th November 2024 at 7:20pm**

Attendance:

Councillor P Winter (Chair)
Councillor J Borda
Councillor J Harvey

Councillor P Hulbert
Councillor J McHugh
Councillor R Nobbs
Councillor K Yarrow

Also Present: C Whitaker – Town Clerk and J Ashton – Minute Assistant, Cllr Perry and 1 Member the Press.

Minute

C/24/11/1 Chair to Read the Fire Safety Notice and Announce that Proceedings May be Filmed or Recorded

The Chair opened the meeting and announced that the fire safety notice was not required and confirmed that the meeting was being recorded by the Minute Assistant.

C/24/11/2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Jarvis.

C/24/11/3 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

None noted. There were no requests for dispensations.

C/24/11/4 To Receive and Confirm for Accuracy the Minutes of the Community Services Committee Meeting Held on Monday 2nd September 2024 and Any Matters Arising

Members received the minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on 2nd September 2024 and the following was agreed:

C/24/11/4.01 Resolved

That the minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on 2nd September 2024 be adopted and signed as a true record by the Chair of the Community Services Committee.

There were no matters arising.

C/24/11/5 Public Open Session

No members of the public were present. Cllr Perry spoke to item 7, the proposed budget and the item regarding street lighting costs. Town Clerk confirmed that they have been upgraded and the electric bill should be reduced. Cllr Perry also asked how much ground maintenance work will be done by WSC and the Jockey Club. Town Clerk confirmed the responsibilities of SCC, WSC and the Jockey Club and as this is the first year of some additional new contracts with Jockey Club, she will produce a spreadsheet of the work done so far.

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C/24/11/6 To Receive the Accounts

The accounts for August 2024 were received and noted.

Cllr Perry left the meeting.

C/24/11/7 Draft Budget Proposal 2025/2026

The draft Community Services Committee budget for 2025/2026 was presented and the following was agreed:

C/24/11/7.01 Recommendation

That the draft budget for the Community Services Committee for 2025/2026 be approved at £326,565.

C/24/11/8 Streetlight Banners

A report on a proposal to install Council publicity banners to the entrances of the town was presented and considered. The following was agreed:

C/24/11/8.01 Recommendation

That an application be submitted to install banner infrastructure on 8 lighting columns. That the banner infrastructure be used to publicise Town Council events and activities and those of our collaborating stakeholders where appropriate and with a contributing cost.

C/24/11/9 Street Furniture

Rowley Mile/Hamilton Road Bench - A request for a replacement bench at the Rowley Mile/Hamilton Road area was considered. The Chair reported that the land does not belong to NTC and the bench will be replaced by the landowner. The following was agreed:

C/24/11/9.01 Recommendation

That NTC is only responsible for the benches on its own land and also on Highway land from Birdcage Walk to the Clock Tower/War Memorial and will maintain its assets accordingly. NTC is not responsible for any benches or street furniture outside these areas.

High Street Bins and Planters - A report on the replacement of the High Street bins and planters was presented and considered. The following was agreed:

C/24/11/9.02 Recommendation

That the 16 bins and 29 planters on the High Street be replaced with Derby Wheelie Bin housing units and Bournville planters for £72,000 (£57,000 from current year budget and ear-marked reserve and £15,000 of confirmed funding from UKSPF via WSC). That NTC works with WSC regarding logistics of removal and installation.

C/24/11/10 Correspondence

None noted.

C/24/11/11 Date of Next Meeting

Book number 8 2024 -2025

Monday 6th January 2025 at the Memorial Hall.

Meeting closed at 8:10pm.

Signed ____ Cllr Winter _____ Date ____ 6.1.25 _____

Summary of Recommendations

Recommendation	Recommendation Wording
<u>C/24/11/7.01 Recommendation</u>	That the draft budget for the Community Services Committee for 2025/2026 be approved at £326,565
<u>C/24/11/8.01 Recommendation</u>	That an application be submitted to install banner infrastructure on 8 lighting columns. That the banner infrastructure be used to publicise Town Council events and activities and those of our collaborating stakeholders where appropriate and with a contributing cost.
<u>C/24/11/9.01 Recommendation</u>	That NTC is only responsible for the benches on its own land and also on Highway land from Birdcage Walk to the ClockTower/War Memorial and will maintain its assets accordingly. NTC is not responsible for any benches or street furniture outside these areas.
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