

Minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting of the **COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Ferryhill, on **WEDNESDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2019.**

**PRESENT:** Councillor: D. Farry (Vice Chair)

**Councillors:** G Barker, K Conroy, N Jones, J Makepeace, R Smith

**Officials:** D. Shingleton, Acting Town Clerk  
R. Seymour, Works Manager  
S. Hewitson, Committees & Civic Administrator

**CS25.19-20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors K Campbell, J Lindsay and C Woods. Councillor K Graham was not present, however, no apologies were received.

**CS26.19-20 MEMBERS DISPENSATION**

There were no members' dispensations in relation to any item of business on the agenda.

**CS27.19-20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**CS28.19-20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public present.

**CS29.19-20 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019 be agreed as a true and accurate record.

**CS30.19-20 SUB COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the following meetings be received:

- a) Allotments Sub Committee – 2 September 2019
- b) Events and Community Engagement Sub-Committee – 5 September 2019

**CS31.19-20 SECTION 106 MONEY**

Consideration was given to the report from the Acting Town Clerk.

The Clerk advised Members that an email had been received from CALC with details of Section 106 monies available in various parts of the County. For Ferryhill there is an amount of £14,475 available from the Livin housing development at Hackworth Close. The money is required to be used for recreation, open space or sports projects.

An application has therefore been submitted to DCC for the full £14,475 available to carry out external works i.e. landscaping/improvement works to the area of land around the Bungalow at Dean Bank Park. However, conscious of the fact that Council approval had not been obtained for this and Members may

have other projects in mind for the funding, the Acting Town Clerk emailed members to inform them of the intention. No objections to the application have been received.

**Moved by** Councillor R Smith, **Seconded by** Councillor J Makepeace to accept the recommendations of the report and approve the application.

**RESOLVED**

That Members approve the application for Section 106 monies to fund the work required around the bungalow at Dean Bank Park.

**CS32.19-20 CCTV AT KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD**

Members considered the motion and accompanying report from Councillor P Atkinson "that Ferryhill Town Council installs CCTV at King George V Playing Field".

Although Councillor Atkinson isn't a member of this Committee and wasn't in attendance, Members still considered the motion. Members noted from the report that Councillor Atkinson may have funding available from his Neighbourhood Budget to fund either part or majority therefore reducing the cost to Ferryhill Town Council.

Members agreed that it would be necessary to receive 2 more quotes for the installation of CCTV. Councillor D Farry added that the approval be subject to Councillor P Atkinson providing funding.

**Moved by** Councillor R Smith to approve the motion. Members agreed unanimously.

**RESOLVED**

That the motion be approved subject to two more quotes being sought and Councillor P Atkinson providing funding from his Neighbourhood Budget.

**CS33.19-20 ALLOTMENTS**

Members considered a report previously circulated from the Works Manager. Councillor J Makepeace queried an issue with plot 33 at Mainsforth Row Allotment Site and asked if the Allotment Association had confirmed this issue was now resolved. The Works Manger advised Members that both the Chair and Secretary of the Association had now resigned.

Members agreed that a Member of staff look into contacting the Association to find out what is happening.

**RESOLVED**

That the report be received and the inspections completed since the last report are noted. A member of staff contact Mainsforth Row Allotment Association.

**CS34.19-20 ENVIRONMENT REPORT**

Consideration was given to the report from the Works Manager.

Councillor J Makepeace queried when the 'no unauthorised sports' signs would be installed at Mainsforth Sports Complex, the Works Manager confirmed that two signs had already been installed, one on the football fields and one on the cricket field. Members agreed that a sign should also be fixed to the main gate of the Complex.

Members also discussed the location of the recently purchased memorial benches, two benches had been located in the Town Hall garden and it was agreed that the remaining benches be located as follows:

1. Ashes Garden, Duncombe Cemetery
2. Near the pit tub at Dean Bank Recreation Park
3. Near the pit tub at Mainsforth Sport Complex
4. Surtees Doorstep Green

Councillor J Makepeace suggested the wooden benches be relocated to the dog walking area at Dean Bank, Members agreed.

Councillor Makepeace also advised the meeting that he had secured 3 Miners 'knocky up' boards from Bernicia, one he had donated to the Miners Museum, one to the Miners Institute and the other to be displayed at Ferryhill Town Hall. He had asked Bernicia if any more were available he would donate one to the History Society.

Councillor D Farry suggested the 'knocky up' board be placed where the office opening sign is on the front of the Town Hall.

#### **RESOLVED**

That the report be received and the following work be carried out:

- a) The new benches be installed at the above locations,
- b) The wooden benches be re-located to the Dog Walking area at Dean Bank
- c) A 'no unauthorised sports' sign be installed on the gate at Mainsforth Sports Complex.
- d) The Miners 'knocky up' board be erected outside the Town Hall.

#### **CS35.19-20 HEALTH AND SAFETY INSPECTIONS REPORT**

Consideration was given to the report from the Works Manager.

Councillor J Makepeace advised members that the repairs to the noticeboards around Town are ongoing.

#### **RESOLVED**

That the report be received and the inspections completed since the last report are noted.

#### **CS36.19-20 GRANTS OF GRAVE SPACE**

#### **RESOLVED**

That the details of grave spaces issued, which were listed on the Agenda, be noted.

**CS37.19-20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7.20pm.

**CERTIFIED AS A TRUE RECORD**

**CHAIR**.....

**DATE**.....