

Minutes of the **COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE** held on **TUESDAY, 8 March 2022** at **6.00 pm** at **Ferryhill Town Hall**.

PRESENT: Councillor: Councillors C. Atkinson, C. Bihari, B Lamb, J. Lamb, J. Quinn, K. Tinkler, S Varty and C. Woods.

Officials: D Anderson, Town Clerk

CS.1.21-22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor D Farry.

CS.2.21-22 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED That Councillor C Atkinson be elected Chairman of the Committee for the 2021/22 municipal year.

CS.3.21-22 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Nominations were invited for the election of a Vice-Chairman for 2021/22

RESOLVED That Councillor J. Lamb be elected Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the 2021/22 municipal year.

CS.4.21-22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest declared.

CS.5.21-22 MEMBERS DISPENSATION

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

CS.6.21-22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

CS.7.21-22 TERMS OF REFERENCE

Members considered the terms of reference which had been previously circulated.

RESOLVED That the terms of reference be noted.

CS.8.21-22 COMMUNITY SERVICES OVERVIEW

Members considered a report which was previously circulated giving an overview of services undertaken by the Town Council and an insight into the work involved in maintaining the Council's assets.

The report detailed the Town Council's services, the routine maintenance programme for the works department together with an update on current activities.

RESOLVED That the information be noted.

CS.9.21-22 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS PROVISION

Members considered a report by the Town Clerk, which was previously circulated, in relation to the provision of Christmas lighting.

Detailed consideration was given to various options.

- RESOLVED**
1. That the current lease, including ceiling lighting across the Town Hall garden, be extended for two years.
 2. That future provision of Christmas lights be determined following the completion of the Parish Plan exercise.

CS.10.21-22 PROVISION OF DEFIBRILLATORS AT SPORTS FACILITIES

Members considered a report by the Town Clerk, which had been previously circulated, regarding the provision of defibrillators at the Council's sports facilities.

- RESOLVED**
1. That the provision of defibrillators at the Town Council's sports facilities be agreed in principle.
 2. That a further report be submitted to consider the type, cost and possible funding of the equipment.

CS.11.21-22 DUNCOMBE CEMETERY POLICY REVIEW

Members considered the amendments to the Cemetery Policy that had been previously circulated.

- RESOLVED** That the amended rules and regulations be approved.

CS.12.21-22 TREE MANAGEMENT POLICY

Members considered the Tree Management Policy that which had previously been circulated.

Members noted that the proposed policy reflected Durham County Council's to ensure that there was consistency in how trees are managed in the town.

- RESOLVED** That the tree policy be approved.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7.10 pm.

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