

Melksham Town Council

Minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting held on Monday 10th January 2022

PRESENT: Councillor J Oatley (Chair)
Councillor S Crundell (Vice-Chair)
Councillor P Aves
Councillor C Houghton
Councillor L Lewis
Councillor S Mortimer

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor G Ellis
Councillor C Goodhind
Councillor J Hubbard

OFFICERS: Linda Roberts Town Clerk
Miriam Zaccarelli Community Development Officer

34/21 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Price.

35/21 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

36/21 Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor Oatley, seconded by Councillor Houghton and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the minutes of the Community Development Committee Meeting held on 13 September 2021, having previously been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair, Councillor Oatley.

37/21 Virtual Community Hub

The report from the Community Development Officer was noted.

Councillor Oatley explained the work already undertaken by the Virtual Community Hub Working Group.

It was proposed by Councillor Oatley, seconded by Councillor Aves and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Virtual Community Hub Working Group and the Town Mayor, Councillor Hubbard would produce a user needs analysis and an in-depth

specification for a Virtual Community Hub. The specification would be considered at next Community Development Committee meeting scheduled for 7 March 2022.

38/21 Cloth Road Arts

The report from the Community Development Officer was noted.

The Community Development Officer explained that the Town Hall would be a venue for project would run for nine days showcasing local artists.

It was proposed by Councillor Aves, seconded by Councillor S Crundell and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to support the use of the Town Hall as a venue for the Cloth Road Arts Trail project in April-May 2022.

39/21 Community Arts Project

The notes of the Melksham Community Arts Working Group meeting held on 4 November 2021 were received.

The Community Development Officer provided a synopsis of the three projects chosen by the working group. She explained that the underpass painting project would incur costs.

It was proposed by Councillor Oatley, seconded by Councillor Houghton and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to progress the Underpass Project, Yarn Bombing, and Arts Festival projects selected by the Community Arts Working Group.

40/21 Motions from Councillors

40/21.1 Artbeats Motion

The Town Mayor, Councillor Hubbard, explained that the Artbeats proposal would be an opportunity to support local performers and artists, at quarterly events held throughout the year.

It was proposed by Councillor Oatley, seconded by Councillor Aves and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that:

- the Community Development Officer and the Town Mayor, Councillor Hubbard, would research funding opportunities.
- a motion to support the event with funding of not more than £10,000 over the year to be taken out of general reserves, be recommended to the Full Council meeting scheduled on 24 January 2022.

40/21.2 Pancake Race 2022

The committee considered the motion taking into account the time constraints on staff and the short timescale until the proposed event.

It was proposed by Councillor Oatley, seconded by Councillor S Crundell and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to establish an informal group consisting of Councillors Aves and Mortimer to research Bradford on Avon Council's pancake event and other events that could be held in the park throughout the year. Suggestions would be submitted to the Community Development committee for consideration.

Meeting Closed at: 9.52 pm

Signed:

Dated: