

Melksham Town Council

Minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting held on Monday 11th September 2023

PRESENT:

Councillor P Aves
Councillor C Goodhind
Councillor S Mortimer
Councillor J Oatley
Councillor G Ellis, substituting for Councillor J Crundell

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Westbrook

OFFICERS:	Linda Roberts	Town Clerk
	Andrew Meacham	Committee Clerk

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Aves as Chair for the meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: One member of the press was present

84/23 Chair of Committee

As three regular members of the committee were absent, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

85/23 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Rabey and Councillor J Crundell.

Councillor J Crundell was substituted by Councillor Ellis.

86/23 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

87/23 Minutes

The minutes of 12 June 2023 having previously been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the chair, Councillor Aves.

88/23 Events Working Group

The notes of the Events Working Group meeting on 6 July 2023 were received.

89/23 Items from Previous Meetings

Town Crier Competition. The committee extended its congratulations to Jacqueline Brady, the first lady Town Crier for Melksham.

Art in the Underpass. The matter was discussed and concerns raised. The Town Clerk will arrange a meeting with Natalie Remington to clarify the situation. Councillor Westbrook and Councillor Aves asked to be part of that meeting.

Peacock Art Trail. Noted.

Breastfeeding Welcome Scheme. Noted. Committee Clerk advised that wording and design had been finalised and Communications & Events Officer was arranging for printing.

Window Competition. Noted. Councillor Mortimer asked if we could involve schools in some way. The Town Clerk suggested a poster competition. There was further discussion on the best way forward. Councillor Aves offered to meet with Councillor Mortimer and The Town Clerk.

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to involve local schools in a competition under the banner of Keep Melksham Tidy.

Remembrance Sunday/Christmas. Noted.

90/23 Melksham in Bloom

The Town Clerk gave a verbal update. Head of Operations, Groundstaff, Terri Welch and some of the Melksham Bloomers will be meeting shortly to discuss entry into South-West in Bloom next year, with an emphasis on biodiversity and it being the 60th anniversary of the competition.

91/23 Events Working Group

Councillor Westbrook asked about the bucket collection and suggested the use of card machines. It was noted that the collection is taken by Melksham Christmas Lights and this would be a matter for them.

Standing Orders were suspended to allow Joe McCann to speak. He said that he believed the events working group had decided to charge £1 for the grotto. Councillor Oatley said he also believed this.

Standing Orders were re-instated.

Councillor Mortimer suggested the £1 charge should go to Melksham Carnival.

Councillor Ellis asked if we had permission to use the Art House. Town Clerk confirmed we do have permission.

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to confirm the proposals set out in the agenda, save that there be an entry fee of £1 for Grotto.

Meeting Closed at: 7.40 pm

Signed:

Dated: