

**Minutes of the 56th Meeting of the Community Services Committee held on
4th February 2020 at the Rufus Centre**

Present: Cllr K Badham (Chairman)
Cllrs D Toinko P Earles M Platt R Coleman
J Blakeman A Lutley (Sub)

In attendance: Amenities Officer Community Services Officer

Apologies Received: Cllrs J Dann

No Apologies Received: None

Open Forum

There were no items.

659 To note any Declarations of Interest relating to items on the agenda
There were none.

660 To Accept Apologies for Absence
Apologies were accepted.

661 Chairman's Announcements
There were none.

662 Action Log / Town Clerk's Report
The Chairman commented that the purchase of water fountains could be removed from the action log. Cllr Toinko advised Members that he had recently met with Rachel Mould and 8 other residents regarding the wildflowers project, contact had been made with CBC to identify suitable pieces of land. Cllr Toinko added that he was involved in this project primarily as a Resident as opposed to a Councillor.

663 Play Areas/Open Space
a) To consider a request from H.Harris & Sons to use the Millennium Park between 20th April – 4th May 2020
Members discussed the request.

It was **Recommended** that permission be given to H.Harris & Sons to use the Millennium Park between 20th April – 4th May 2020. Vote: all in favour

b) To consider granting an Ice Cream Permit at Millennium Park
(i) The Community Services Officer had been in contact with Phil Napoli to gather more information following concerns Cllr Toinko had aired at the Town Council meeting in January. After a lengthy discussion a proposal was made.

It was **Recommended** that no permit be granted for an Ice Cream Van at Millennium Park.
Vote: not carried forward

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A second proposal was made.

It was **Recommended** that a permit be granted with the following conditions;

1. 1 year permit from 1st March 2020 – 31st October 2020 inclusive of weekends and school holidays only
2. Permit times: 12noon – 6pm
3. No music to be played
4. Located in the Hub Car Park
5. £500 fee for the year

Vote: 5 in favour, 1 against

664 Grounds Services and Flitwick Manor Park

a) To receive an oral update from the Grounds Team Supervisor

The Amenities Officer advised that the Grounds Team Supervisor was unable to attend the meeting, a report had not been received. The Chairman asked for the report to be circulated to Members.

665 Burial Ground Update

a) To note the space left in the current Burial Ground

The Amenities Officer advised there were currently 12 burial plots, 23 Garden of Remembrance plots and 26 vaults. The Amenities Officer commented that she had recently attended a Burial Management Course which had proved very useful.

666 Community & Events

a) To receive report from the Community Services Officer

- (i) Members noted the report previously circulated. The Community Services Officer advised Members that the recent Quiz Night was a great success with over a £1000 raised for the Christmas Lights.
- (ii) Members were advised that a Christmas Lights Committee had been formed and a target of £5000 had been set to be raised by the 1st September, this money would help fund a Switch On event. The Community Services Officer put forward 4 possible options for putting up the Christmas Lights this year and members discussed them.

It was **Recommended** that the Town Council continue with the same display and approach the individuals who currently put up and take down the lights for a quote. Vote: All in favour

- (iii) Concerns had previously been raised by the Community Services Officer with regards to staffing the Carnival this year. Following the last Community Services meeting Members were advised that currently 4 schools/local organisations had committed to entering a float in the parade. Members agreed this wouldn't be enough entrants to warrant holding the parade

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considering the logistics involved to ensure safety. Members had a lengthy discussion on the best way to go forward with the Carnival.

It was **Recommended** that the parade be cancelled for 2020. A best decorated 'Wheelbarrow' parade would be held in the arena for both residents and schools/local organisations to take part in.

Vote: All in favour

- (iv) Members were presented with a proposal from 'Foodie Fridays'. The Community Services Officer asked Members to consider allowing the event to be held on the hard-standing area of the Millennium Park. Cllr Toinko raised concern that this would take away part of the park for families to use. The Amenities Officer advised that a refundable deposit would be required if they were to use this area.

It was **Recommended** that permission be given to 'Foodie Fridays' to hold their event on the hard standing of Millennium Park.

Vote: 4 in favour, 2 against

Confidential Section

In accordance with Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings Act), the public and press be excluded for Items 14 and 15 in view of the confidential nature of the information to be discussed relating to financial and contractual negotiations and questions.

667 To note the Community Services Budget

This was received and noted.

668 Questions

There were none.

Meeting finished at 8.55pm

Signed.....
Chairman