



Minutes of the Community Engagement Committee held online via Zoom

Rugeley Town Council

at 7.30pm Wednesday 13th January 2021.

PRESENT: Councillors: P. Ansell A. Cooney
G. Grant C. Green (Vice Chair)
I. Gunner I. Hodgson (Chair)
O. Lyons N. Mahon
A. Szklarczyk

ALSO PRESENT: H Goodreid – Town Clerk
S Bird – Development Manager

Min No	Item	Action
47 47.1	Apologies All Councillors were in attendance.	
48 48.1	Declarations of Interest None were made.	
49 49.1	Chair to close the meeting for the public session No members of the public were in attendance and no questions had been submitted.	
50	Chair to reopen meeting	
51 51.1	Minutes The Minutes of the Community Engagement Committee held on 9 th December 2020 were approved as a true and accurate record. <i>Proposed: Cllr Ansell; Seconded: Cllr Cooney</i> It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 9th December 2020 be approved.	
52 52.1	Matters Arising from the Minutes All matters had been dealt with or were on the agenda.	
53 53.1	Rugeley Development Manager Update <u>ShopAppy</u> : The DM updated Cllrs that workers for the scheme had logged over 500 calls to local businesses but were struggling to confirm businesses on the ShopAppy marketplace for Rugeley. The Town Council would urge local businesses to have a presence on the ShopAppy scheme to support Click and Collect etc. The Town Councils Facebook page was being used to promote individual business and clarify if they were open for business either online, in person or click and collect.	

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53.2	<p><u>Energy Arts Project:</u> The DM, The Town Clerk and Cllr Mahon have been working with various partners to look at applying for funding from the Cultural Recovery Fund for a project working with local primary schools to decorate 1.5metre high cooling towers that would be used to form an art trail. It was suggested that the trail went from the town to the power station site. Each 'cooling tower' would be accompanied with an information board that explained the history or energy in the town. It was proposed that officers continue to develop this idea and apply for the funding.</p> <p><i>Proposed; Cllr Lyons; Secoded: Cllr Ansell</i></p> <p>It was agreed that officers could develop the above project and apply for funding from external sources.</p>	The DM and Town Clerk would continue to develop this project and update cllrs.
53.3	Cllr Gunner updated that the Friends of Hagley had a meeting with Engie re Zero Carbon Rugeley and they were looking to add to the heritage trail with interpretation about energy development in Rugeley.	
53.4	<p><u>The Old Chancel:</u> The DM, Town Clerk, Cllr Mahon and Cllr Gunner had a meeting with Engie last week to discuss the possible regeneration of the Old Chancel building. A proposal paper had been sent to Father David at St Augustines to see if the idea could be taken to the trustees for the building. The project would only go ahead if the Trustees agreed and the application for feasibility funding would be sought from Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership (GBSLEP). It was proposed that officers work with the Old Chancel to see about possible securing of external funding for a feasibility study for the Chancel.</p> <p><i>Proposed: Cllr Mahon; Secoded; Cllr Lyons</i></p> <p>It was agreed that officers can work with The Old Chancel to develop a grant application for a feasibility study for the building.</p>	The Town Clerk would send a copy of the briefing paper to Cllrs Lyons and Mahon
53.5	<u>Cultural Recovery Heritage Project:</u> The DM updated councillors on the work taking place on the Fringe Festival and Drive in Cinema which were to be funded through the Heritage Grant through the Rose Committee. Events were necessarily on hold during lockdown but would take place as soon as possible.	
54 54.1	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Community Engagement Committee would be held on Wednesday 10th February 2021 at 7.30pm.</p>	

The meeting closed at 8:00pm

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