



Rugeley Town Council

Minutes of the Community Engagement Committee held online via Zoom
at 7.30pm Wednesday 21st April 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
1 1.1	Apologies All Councillors were in attendance.	
2 2.1	Declarations of Interest Cllr Grant declared an interest in Item 10 as he was Chair of the ROSA organisation.	
3 3.1	Chair to close the meeting for the public session. No members of the public were in attendance and no questions had been submitted.	
4	Chair to reopen meeting	
5 5.1	Minutes The Minutes of the Community Engagement Committee held on 10 th March 2021 were approved as a true and accurate record. <i>Proposed: Cllr C Green; Seconded: Cllr N Mahon</i> It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th March 2021 be approved.	
6 6.1	Matters Arising from the Minutes 74.8: Originally bunting for the town centre has gone missing. 74.6: Cllr Lyons re parking – definite answer is not available yet. 74.11: ROSA Field is being looked at for a Food and Film Festival on 29/30 August 2021.	
7 7.1	Income and Expenditure Report All councillors had received the income and expenditure report for month 12 – March 2021.	

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<p>8</p> <p>8.1</p> <p>8.2</p> <p>8.3</p> <p>8.4</p>	<p>Terms of Reference for Committee</p> <p>Cllrs considered the Terms of Reference and debated the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standing Orders states that the election of Chairs/Vice Chairs for the four standing committees rests with Full Council. The TOR state that each committee should be able to elect Chair/Vice. <i>The majority voted that the choice of Chair/Vice Chair of Community Engagement Committee should rest with that Committee and not with Full Council.</i> • The authority of the Committee to spend was discussed. <i>The majority voted that Full Council give a delegated budget to Community Engagement Committee and spend within that budget would be decided on by that Committee.</i> • Committee wanted to retain the idea of the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee, of having authority to spend up to £500 from committee budget on items. 	<p>Full Council to receive recommendation for Standing Orders to Change so committees can elect Chairs/Vice</p> <p>Full Council to receive recommendation that CEC can spend £500 from within budgets between meetings</p>
<p>9</p> <p>9.1</p> <p>9.2</p>	<p>Energy Arts Project</p> <p>£23,500 has been received in grant aid from Cultural Recovery Arts Fund to develop replica small cooling towers which will be decorated and create collars around trees in a walkway between Rugeley and the Power Station site. Match funding is being sought to supplement the project in order that the cooling towers can be an exhibition at the Rose Theatre until put in situ. The deadline for spending the grant is the end of June 2021.</p> <p>Discussion took place around possible sponsorship from local businesses to support the creation of the towers.</p>	<p>Cllr Mahon, RDM and TC to meet to discuss the details of the grant.</p>
<p>10</p> <p>10.1</p>	<p>Drive in Cinema</p> <p>The original event scheduled for the 16th – 18th April was cancelled owing to funeral of HRH Prince Phillip. We are not looking to have a Food and Film festival over the weekend of Sunday 29th – Monday 30th August 2021. This would be a walk-in event located on the ROSA field behind the St Augustines church rather than Drive in and would have food trucks around the edge of the field. Family films would be available, and excerpts of the Fringe Festival would also be shown.</p>	
<p>11</p> <p>11.1</p> <p>11.2</p>	<p>Rugeley Development Manager Update</p> <p><u>Spotlight on Lockdown</u></p> <p>Got a good number of entrants for the exhibition. These have been photographed by students at Staff University. Once we have the film, we will arrange to stream the film. Prizes for the best entrants would be available – tickets to the Food and Film festival. Some of the exhibits will be on show from the 6th May.</p> <p><u>Fringe Festival</u></p> <p>Filming of the festival has been rearranged for the 28th/29th April and 6th May. Students from Staffordshire University will assist with the</p>	

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11.3	<p>filming. Each performer has a one-hour slot which includes 20 minutes filming and time for cleaning before next performer.</p> <p>The resulting film will be approx. 5 hours long. Consideration will be given to where this can be shown – parts given to bars for when indoors drinking can take place / shown in bits at the Food and Film event.</p> <p><u>Welcome Back to the High Street / Artisan Market</u> We have received the go ahead to hold a regular monthly Artisan Market in Brook Square. This would be launched on Monday 31st May 2021 as a Welcome Back to the High Street. Funding for street entertainers for this was sought from Councillors.</p> <p>Development Manager has met with Jon Middleton – looking to get businesses to use this weekend as a launch for the reopening. Flyers have gone to businesses to see if they can offer discounts / come and buy me products etc. Town Clerk to consider getting funding for this from the CCDC fund for such events.</p> <p>Funding for this would come from the events budget for Community Engagement Committee. Possible approach could be made to County Councillors from their allowances.</p>	
11.4	<p><u>Yarn Bombing and Solar Lights</u> This is being organised to help decorate the town centre in preparation for the 31st May to further encourage people back into the town centre.</p>	
12	Date of Next Meeting	
12.1	Community Engagement Committee would be held on Wednesday 19 th May 2021 at 8.00pm.	

The meeting closed at 9:05pm

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