



Rugeley Town Council

Minutes of the Community Engagement Committee held at the Rugeley Town Council Offices,
Taylor's Lane, Rugeley, at 7.30pm Wednesday 11 March 2020.

PRESENT: Councillors: P Ansell A Cooney
C Green I Hodgson (Chair)
N Mahon

ALSO PRESENT: K Roberts – RFO
Dave Podmore
Cllr D Gaye (to item 93.3)
Cllr R Dipple
A Resident

Min No	Item	Action
85 85.1	Apologies Apologies were received from Cllrs Grant and Martin, and the Town Clerk.	
86 86.1	Declarations of Interest No Declarations of Interest were received.	
87 87.1	Minutes The Minutes of the Community Engagement Committee held on 12 th February 2020 were approved as a true and accurate record. <i>Proposed: Cllr Green; Seconded: Cllr Mahon</i> It was agreed that the minutes of 12th February 2020 be approved.	
88 88.1	Matters Arising from the Minutes All matters arising were either complete or on the agenda for the meeting.	
89 89.1 89.2	Election of Chair / Vice Chair of Community Engagement Committee A vacancy had arisen for the position of Chair of the Committee following the resignation of Cllr Lucas. Cllr Hodgson expressed his thanks to Cllr Lucas for all of his hard work over the past 12 months, particularly with the Christmas Lights. It was proposed that Cllr Hodgson step into the position of Chair. <i>Proposed: Cllr Cooney; Seconded: Cllr Green</i>	

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89.3	<p>It was agreed that Cllr Hodgson be elected as Chair of the Community Engagement Committee</p> <p>Proposals were received for Cllr Green and Cllr Mahon to be elected as Vice Chair.</p> <p>Following a vote by show of hands, it was agreed that Cllr Green be elected as Vice Chair of the Community Engagement Committee</p>	
<p>90</p> <p>90.1</p> <p>90.2</p>	<p>Christmas Tree in Town Centre</p> <p>Removal of the Christmas Tree in the centre of town had been delayed as the lights had only been taken off in February and this had been followed by bad weather. Cllr Lyons had been in contact with the Principal Parks and Recreation Officer but was not present at the meeting to provide an update.</p> <p>During the meeting, a local firm was contacted, who agreed to remove the tree the following weekend. Payment of the removal cost would be made by Rugeley Town Lottery.</p>	
<p>91</p> <p>91.1</p> <p>91.2</p>	<p>VE Day Saturday 9th May 2020</p> <p>Cllr Cooney informed the Committee about the VE Day events, including a march, service and West Midlands Fire Service band, and request for a contribution received from the British Legion.</p> <p>After considering the budget expenditure and possible promotion for Charter Fair, it was proposed to contribute £250 towards the cost of the band from the Charter Fair budget.</p> <p><i>Proposed: Cllr Green; Seconded: Cllr Ansell</i></p> <p>It was agreed to contribute £250 towards the cost of the band at the VE Day celebration.</p>	
<p>92</p> <p>92.1</p> <p>92.2</p>	<p>Totally Locally</p> <p>There were two more Totally Locally Fiver Fests planned, one in June and one in October.</p> <p>Fiver Fest would run alongside the Best Shop Front Competition, with Mother's Day in March, Easter in April, the VE Celebration in May and Fiver Fest in June. Cllr Mahon suggested that the Loyalty Card Scheme could be in July and August.</p>	
<p>93</p> <p>93.1</p> <p>93.2</p>	<p>Charter Fair</p> <p>Dave Podmore reported that at last month's meeting, members were advised that Hagley Park would be available to the Town Council, but not to the Fun Fair. The field between Hagley Park and the Leisure Centre had been considered for the Fun Fair, however, the area around the storm drain had flooded following heavy rain. The field was also smaller than the area used by the Fun Fair last year, so due to the size and condition of the land, Graham Stokes had decided to book Green Lane for the Fun Fair.</p> <p>It was considered preferable to have Charter Fair and the Fun Fair at the same location. As work to replace equipment at Green Lane Play</p>	

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<p>93.3</p> <p>93.4</p>	<p>Area was expected to have been completed by 6th June 2020, it was suggested to have an official opening of the Play Area and handover to Cannock Chase District Council during Charter Fair.</p> <p>It was proposed to hold Charter Fair on Green Lane. <i>Proposed: Cllr Green; Seconded: Cllr Cooney</i> It was agreed to hold Charter Fair 2020 on Green Lane.</p> <p>The Town Clerk's Charter Fair report was received. Items to be clarified following the meeting included the charging options for the Play Bus and the timing of the litter pick. The charge for radios was queried, as it was thought that another company might provide these free of charge and a suggestion made to contact another business for First Aid Services.</p>	<p>The Chair to provide an update the following week after discussing several items with the Town Clerk</p>
<p>94</p> <p>94.1</p> <p>94.2</p>	<p>Rugeley in Bloom</p> <p>A request had been received from St. Augustine's Church to support Rugeley in Bloom by taking part in a flower festival in July 2020.</p> <p>It was proposed to provide a flower arrangement for the festival. <i>Proposed: Cllr Ansell; Seconded: Cllr Green</i> It was agreed to provide a flower arrangement to support Rugeley in Bloom.</p>	
<p>95</p> <p>95.1</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the Community Engagement Committee would be held on Wednesday 8th April 2020 at 7.30pm.</p>	

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

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