



# Rugeley Town Council

Minutes of the Community Engagement Committee held online via Zoom  
at 7.30pm Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

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
<b>29</b> 29.1	<b>Apologies</b> All Councillors were in attendance.	
<b>30</b> 30.1	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> Declarations of interest were made by Cllr Hodgson, Green and Cooney in item 35 as they were traders in the town and / or members of the Rugeley Lottery Committee. Dispensation was requested in order to allow them to speak on these items. <i>Proposed: Cllr Mahon; Seconded: Cllr Lyons</i> <b>It was agreed that Cllrs Hodgson, Green and Cooney be allowed to contribute to the discussion on item 35.</b>	
<b>31</b> 31.1	<b>Chair to close the meeting for the public session</b> No members of the public were in attendance and no questions had been submitted.	
<b>32</b>	<b>Chair to reopen meeting</b>	
<b>33</b> 33.1	<b>Minutes</b> The Minutes of the Community Engagement Committee held on 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 were approved as a true and accurate record. <i>Proposed: Cllr Green; Seconded: Cllr Cooney</i> <b>It was agreed that the minutes of 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020 be approved.</b>	
<b>34</b> 34.1	<b>Matters Arising from the Minutes</b> Remembrance Video: Cllrs expressed thanks to Cllr Gunner and all others involved in the remembrance video which went on Facebook on 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2020. Special Thanks went to Mr Paul White for the playing of the Last Post and Lydia May Cooney for singing.	

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<p><b>35</b></p> <p>35.1</p> <p>35.2</p> <p>35.3</p> <p>35.4</p> <p>35.5</p>	<p><b>Rugeley Development Manager Update</b></p> <p><u>Remembrance Events:</u> Silk flowers and Remembrance CD's had been delivered to the care homes around town along with a letter from the Town Council and had been well received. Thanks went to the Chair of the Council for donating her Chairs Allowance to allow for the purchase of the flowers, and to Blue Print for donating the CD's and to C Residential for their contribution to the flowers. Additional posts around Remembrance Day on Facebook had also been well received.</p> <p><u>Christmas Lights:</u> Similar to Remembrance Day, a video would be put together with footage of the bells ringing and lights being turned on and then posted onto our Facebook page. A local choir boy had recorded Once in Royal David's City for this and the Development Manager would approach a local primary school to see if they would be recorded singing Christmas songs. Cllrs considered ways of getting the community involved and the Development Manager would look into these options.</p> <p><u>ShopAppy:</u> discussions had been held with ShopAppy and the GBSLEP who were funding this initiative. There was concern that businesses were not being approached by ShopAppy and the Development Manager would chase this.</p> <p><u>External Funding:</u> The Town Clerk and the Development Manager were looking at opportunities for development funding to support future regeneration of the town. A meeting had been set up with the GBSLEP to consider programme opportunities. The Development Manager would also meet with Power For All to see how they could also be brought on board.</p> <p><u>Totally Locally:</u> A notice had been placed on the councils Facebook page from Totally Locally which advised which local businesses were open for business or trading on line during this second lockdown.</p>	<p>Development Manager, Cllr Gunner and Town Clerk to develop video</p> <p>Development Manager to report back on progress at next meeting</p> <p>Development Manager to report back on progress at next meeting</p>
<p><b>36</b></p> <p>36.1</p> <p>36.2</p>	<p><b>Precept</b></p> <p>Cllrs considered possible projects for 2021/2022 which may need funding from the Precept. The following were considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing putting up / removal of Remembrance poppies and waterfall of poppies</li> <li>• Regeneration budget to support the Development Manager</li> <li>• Bicycle festival to link with Commonwealth Games in 2022 and utilise the National Lottery grant from 2022</li> <li>• Possible Easter Bonnet Parade</li> <li>• Can a poll be done to allow the public to vote for events throughout the year?</li> <li>• Bonfire and firework events for next year?</li> <li>• Possible Rugeley Calendar for sale?</li> <li>• Opportunities of wall murals on the Market building</li> <li>• Reorganisation of market hall</li> <li>• Activities aimed at younger residents in the town centre</li> <li>• Need to develop links with CCDC.</li> </ul>	

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36.3	It was agreed that as we were unclear what would happen with the lockdown and the impact Covid would have on future events, this matter would be brought to the December meeting for more detailed discussion.	
37 37.1	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b> Community Engagement Committee would be held on Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 7.30pm.	

The meeting closed at 8:45pm

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