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Minutes of the Meeting of the Community and Tourism Committee held on Tuesday 19th October 2021 at Alresford Recreation Centre commencing at 7.30pm

Name	Present	Apologies	Absent
Cllr Jones (Chair) (JJ)	✓		
Cllr Weston (Vice Chair) (MW)		✓	
Cllr Bean (AB)	✓		
Cllr Cavell (SJC)		✓	
Cllr Divall (KD)	✓		
Cllr Holmes (SH)		✓	
Cllr Jeffs (BJ)	✓		

ALSO PRESENT: Liz Jenkinson – Clerk’s Assistant, Marcia Phillibert - Town Clerk/RFO
Estelle Bentham - Alresford Chamber of Commerce joined electronically

The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting.

CT21/49 Approve apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Cavell, Holmes, and Weston

RESOLVED: That apologies are accepted.

Proposed: KD	Second: JJ
For: All	Against: Abstain:

CT21/50 Dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011.

None received

CT21/51 Declarations of disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests on items on the agenda.

None received

CT21/52 Public participation

One member of the public was present electronically and spoke on item CT21/55

CT21/53 Approve minutes and recommendations of the Community & Tourism Committee meeting held on

RESOLVED: That the minutes and recommendations of the Community and Tourism Committee meeting held on 21st September 2021 be approved.

Proposed: KD	Second: JJ
For: All	Against: Abstain:

CT21/54 Chair's Report

Companies installing Christmas lights were fully booked for 2021 and advised that early booking was essential. Therefore, this will be an agenda item in January 2022. The Chair said that local organisations were keen to work together on hosting a joint community Jubilee celebration in June and he was in the process of organising an inception meeting.

Cllr Bean gave an update on the poppies which were being installed by Alresford Men's Shed at St John's Church and Memorial Gardens for Remembrance Day. The Chair thanked Cllr Bean and everyone who had contributed to this community project.

CT21/55 Local society updates

Estelle Bentham gave an update from the Chamber of Commerce. She stated that local businesses were suffering from staff shortages. She reported that the annual Christmas tree project was in place and that the late-night shopping event in December would have a brass band. The Ghost Hunt for October half term was being funded this year by a grant from the Welcome Back Fund but that they would be seeking funding for next year's Easter Egg Hunt from NATC. When asked about Founder's Day (De Lucy), she replied that it had been postponed until next year.

CT21/56 Clerk's Report

The Committee noted the report, and no questions were tabled.

1955 hrs Councillor Jeffs joined the meeting

CT21/57 Reforecast of committee budget 2021/22 and budget 2022/23

A discussion ensued and the reforecast budget for 2021/22 and the budget for 2022/23 was agreed.

CT21/58 5-year Committee budget plan

A discussion ensued and the five-year budget plan was agreed in accordance with the last meeting (CT21/31 refers), but the proposed budget line Jubilee Projects is for 22/23 only.

CT21/59 Floral Display Scheme 2022

The clerk explained the difficulty in obtaining three quotations as there were only a small number of companies offering a watering and maintenance service. Three companies had been asked to provide a quotation: two had responded and one had declined. The quotations and pricing were reviewed, and a discussion ensued with a focus on cost and the criteria of the scheme.

RESOLVED: That the quotation from Hanging Garden; the cost of the hanging baskets and troughs of £45 for residents and £54 for businesses; and the floral displays are installed by mid-May and removed by the end of September be approved.

Proposed: JJ	Second: KD	
For: All	Against:	Abstain:

CT21/60 Queen's Green Canopy

RESOLVED that the Committee would organise a community event to complement tree planting undertaken by the Recreation and Environment Committee as part of the Queen's Green Canopy project be approved

Proposed: JJ	Second: AB
For: All	Against: Abstain:

CT21/61 Councillor Street Surgeries

RESOLVED that Councillor Street Surgeries would be held on 4th November and 4th December 2021 at the top of Broad Street be approved.

Proposed: JJ	Second: AB
For: All	Against: Abstain:

CT21/62 Town Crier

RESOLVED that the Town Crier would be invited back to Alresford on 4th or 11th December 2021 and a donation of £50 per visit be approved.

Proposed: JJ	Second: KD
For: All	Against: Abstain:

CT21/63 Benchmarking Survey

A discussion ensued regarding the benefit versus cost of carrying out a comparable survey to the one undertaken in 2016.

RESOLVED: That the cancellation of the next Benchmarking Survey be approved.

Proposed: JJ	Second: AB
For: All	Against: Abstain:

CT21/64 Parish in Bloom

The town had been awarded silver gilt in this year's entry. The clerk would provide more guidance to the Committee on improving next year's entry.

CT21/65 Walking Guide

Cllr Divall outlined the layout of the guide and said that a designer would be commissioned to develop and realise those ideas.

CT21/66 Standard Operating Procedures for NATC Events

The working group would review the document taking into consideration the comments submitted by the Town Clerk together with a review of the proposed charging structure for hiring NATC land.

Chair concluded the meeting at 21:27 hrs

Date of next meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th November 2021, commencing at 7.30pm