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Minutes of the Meeting of the Community and Tourism Committee held on Tuesday 18th January 2022 at Alresford Recreation Centre commencing at 7.30pm

Name	Present	Apologies	Absent
Clr Weston (Vice Chair) (MW)	✓		
Clr Bean (AB)	✓		
Clr Cavell (SJC)	✓		
Clr Divall (KD)	✓		
Clr Holmes (SH)	✓		

ALSO PRESENT: Liz Jenkinson – Clerk’s Assistant
Estelle Bentham - Chamber of Commerce (joined virtually)

The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting.

CT21/101 Approve apologies for absence

None received

CT21/102 Dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011.

None received

CT21/103 Declarations of disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests on items on the agenda.

None received

CT21/104 Public participation

Alresford Chamber of Commerce reported that local businesses were still struggling economically and there was still confusion regarding COVID business support grants which the Chamber was continuing to assist with. She reported that Southampton City Council were better at providing information than Winchester City Council. The Vice-Chair stated that she had spoken with local businesses and agreed that they were struggling.

CT21/105 Approve minutes and recommendations of the Community & Tourism Committee meeting held on 16th November 2021

RESOLVED: That the minutes and recommendations of the Community and Tourism Committee meeting held on 16th November 2021 be approved.

Proposed: KD	Second: SJ
For: All	Abstain:

CT21/106 Local society updates

None received

CT21/107 Chair's Report

The Vice-Chair reported that the information boards on the river path might be updated through grant funding. This was seen as an opportunity to work together to renew the other information boards in the town in the same style. Cllr Divall volunteered to contact Jan Field with this proposal.

The Hanging Basket and Trough Scheme 2022 was underway, and 50 orders had already been placed and paid for. The Vice-Chair thanked Cllrs Bean and Divall for distributing the order forms around the town.

Cllr Jones had resigned, and Cllr Jeffs had remained on the Council but had resigned from her committee memberships.

The Walking Guide was reviewed and was met with approval by the Committee.

The Community and Tourism and Recreation and Environment Committees could become bimonthly but would meet monthly if required.

The Vice-Chair thanked Liz Jenkinson for her work as clerk to the Committee as she had decided to leave the Council.

CT21/108 Clerk's Report

The Committee noted and reviewed the report.

CT21/109 Jubilee Event - Picnic in the Park

The Vice-Chair and Cllr Divall had participated in a virtual meeting with other local groups interested in collaborating on a Jubilee event at Arlebury Park. They provided an outline of the plan for the event which would run from 2 to 9pm on Saturday 4th June with livestreaming of the concert from Buckingham Palace with additional live music and entertainment provided by local groups. There was agreement that the focus was to provide a small-scale community event in Arlebury Park.

Cllr Divall presented a draft of the costings for the event but there was scope for savings and sponsorship. A further update would be provided following a meeting with the groups next week.

Cllrs Cavell and Holmes volunteered to contact local schools and entertainers to see if they would like to participate in the event.

RESOLVED to amend the motion to read:- Subject to Full Council approving the spend of up to £10,000 for the Picnic in the Park, we ask Full Council to approve the following spend out of next year's budget for a TV screen, audio, BBC streaming and blue ray of up to £2,800, portable toilets up to £1500 and first aid up to £600

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

RESOLVED to approve, subject to Full Council approving the spend of up to £10,000 for the Picnic in the Park, that we ask Full Council to approve the following spend out of next year's budget for a TV screen, audio, BBC streaming and blue ray of up to £2,800, portable toilets up to £1500 and first aid up to £600.

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

CT21/110 Visitor Information Point (Telephone Kiosk, West Street)

Cllr Weston stated that all the brochures in the phone box had been vandalised during the holiday period. A discussion ensued about the present role of the phone box and how it could be put to better use, in particular for providing up to date information for residents and visitors.

Recommendation that the Clerk ask Mark Tubb - Editor of the Forum if he would be able to provide the Forum's guide to "What's on" in good time and that this potentially could be displayed on the outside of the phone box. Cllr Weston to contact Alresford's Men Shed to see if they can assist.

CT21/111 South & South East In Bloom Competition

For the past three years, the Council had entered the Parish in Bloom category. This was an entry level category and SSEIB were keen for the Council to enter a higher level ie Small Town. Information circulated prior to the meeting was reviewed and a discussion ensued.

Recommendation that the Council would not enter this year, but this would be reviewed next year with a view to approaching appropriate local groups ie the Allotment Society and Alresford New Leaf to gauge their interest in this community project.

Chair concluded the meeting at 20:36 hrs

Date of next meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th February, commencing at 7.30pm