

Present:

Councillors: Tate Chapman-Ballard (Chair), Jaime Tamagnini (Vice-Chair), Mario Toto, Adam Chapman-Ballard and David Newland.

Officers: Dan Preston (Community Engagement Officer) and Lesley Sung (Council Manager)

Members of the public: 0

CEC08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillor Jo Bolton and accepted by the Committee.

CEC09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

CEC10 MINUTES

Resolved unanimously: That the minutes of the meetings held on 3 June and 27 July 2020 be signed by the chair as a correct record, subject to the following changes.

- a) In the header of the minutes of 3 June the word 'an' be changed to 'a'
- b) In minute reference CEC07 the word 'de' be changed to 'due'

CEC11 STANDING ITEM – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

The Committee received a report on actions taken by the Community Engagement Officer since the last meeting and a report on decisions pertaining to the Community Engagement Committee made under the Council's Scheme of Delegation.

Resolved unanimously: That the reports be accepted

CEC12 2020 EVENTS – CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION 5 DECEMBER

The Committee discussed the cancellation of the Christmas Celebration Event planned for 5 December 2020. The Committee did not consider it practical to hold a physical event at this time, but that it may be possible to hold a small virtual event, including the switch on of the Christmas Tree lights and a message of goodwill from the Chairman of the Council.

Resolved unanimously:

1. That the physical Christmas Celebration event on December 5 be cancelled.
2. That the Community Engagement Officer looks in to the practicalities of holding a virtual event instead.

CEC13 SUMMER PLAY ACTIVITIES

The Committee received a report on the success of the summer holiday activities. The process for dealing with credit card charges was noted by the Committee and considered looking into using a Paypal widget to accept payments on the Council's website.

Resolved unanimously:

1. That the report be accepted.
2. That the Community Engagement Officer look in to the use of a Paypal web pay widget.

CEC14 SUMMER PLAY ACTIVITIES

The Committee received a report on the Council's community engagement activities during the summer.

Resolved unanimously: That the report be accepted

CEC15 FUTURE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Council received a report on potential future community engagement. The following future activities were considered:

- A project to put QR Codes on council equipment, linking to various sources, such as on gym equipment linking to You Tube tutorial videos, on the MUGA linking to a booking system, on dog bins linking to an email requesting an emptying and on noticeboards linking to a 'latest news' page.
- A regular event at Hindhead Knoll, such as a Farmers' Market or Street Food event.
- Seeking to build relationships with local organisations, such as The Parks Trust, MK Community Foundation, local businesses and local press.
- Offering online education for adults to build new skills.
- Regular communication with residents through other means, such as podcasts.
- Outdoor fitness / bootcamp sessions (socially distanced as appropriate)
- Residents' 'table sales'

CEC16 PUBLIC ART

The Committee received a report on the potential project to use S106 monies to deliver a public art project for the parish. The project's aims would be to deliver a piece, or pieces, of art, possibly at Browns Wood Sports Ground.

Resolved unanimously: That the Council go ahead with the project to deliver public art, possibly at Browns Wood Sports Ground, subject to the S106 monies being made available.

CEC17 NEWSLETTER

The Committee considered the frequency and format of the Walton Matters Newsletters. The last issue had changed to an A4 format, instead of the A5 that had previously been used. The A4 format allowed for better design and layout and was easier to read. The Committee then reviewed the current printing costs of the newsletter.

Resolved unanimously:

- a) That future newsletters be printed in the A4 format.
- b) That the frequency of the newsletter be 3 issues per year, with a budget threshold of £10000 for printing and distribution.
- c) That the current printer of the newsletter, Sure2Door, continue to be used for the next year, and then an annual review be carried out to ensure that the Council is still obtaining the best value for money for print and distribution.

CEC18 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE BUDGET

The Committee reviewed the current Community Engagement Committee budget. The Committee noted large forecasted underspends on the budget due to the cancellation of the Council's events program for 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Resolved unanimously: That the budget be accepted.

The meeting ended at 8:15pm

Accepted as a true and accurate record

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Signed

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Date