

**Present:**

**Councillors:** Tate Chapman-Ballard (Chair), Adam Chapman-Ballard, Jaime Tamagnini, David Newland and Aamir Bhatti

**Officers:** Dan Preston (Community Engagement Officer)

**Members of the public: 1**

**CEC035 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None received

**CEC036 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Adam Chapman-Ballard and Tate Chapman-Ballard declared a personal and pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 10 – Browns Wood Fabulously Festive Both Councillors vacated the room during consideration of the item and took no part in the discussion of voting thereon.

**CEC037 MINUTES**

**Resolved unanimously:** That the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Community Engagement Committee held on 23 November 2021 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

**CEC038 YiS – YOUNG PEOPLE'S MENTAL HEALTH**

At the November meeting of the Community Engagement Committee, it was agreed that £4k funding be included in the 2022-2023 budget to cover the cost of providing a young person's Wellbeing Hub in the parish, with extra funding for follow up counselling or coaching sessions.

Toni Moch, YiS Director of Wellbeing attended the meeting and informed the Committee that YiS have been running a counselling service in Milton Keynes for over 40 years. In the past couple of years, the service has evolved because of what young people have been asking for through surveys and participation work in MK, and YiS now provide early intervention services through workshops, one to one coaching and early support wellbeing hubs. The Hubs are based on a tried and trusted model used by other mental health services and are in high demand. The early support hubs are designed to help young people in need earlier and allow them to access services before crisis point. The hubs provide a safe place for young people to go and offers light touch intervention work around understanding their mental health. The hubs are managed by two coaches, and cover areas such as self-esteem, confidence, stress and anxiety. They also serve to signpost young people into the coaching and counselling services available.

The Committee considered the Hubs a worthwhile project and wanted to provide additional funding, over and above the £4k in the budget, to ensure sufficient funding was available to cover the cost of managing a Hub in Walton for the next 12 months.

The Committee discussed the potential risks for funding the whole of the 50 weeks, in particular if the sessions were not sufficiently attended. Attendance

should be monitored and a review should take place 6 months after set up. The Committee considered it prudent not to continue funding if attendance was not as expected.

**Resolved unanimously:**

1. That a YiS Wellbeing Hub be set up and managed from Walnut Tree Pavilion for 50 weeks from April 2022.
2. That the service be reviewed after 6 months of set up and a break clause after 25 weeks be written into the agreement if attendance is not as expected.
3. That the service be funded 3 months in advance.
4. That Full Council be recommended to approve the additional funding required to set up the Wellbeing Hubs at a cost of between £8k and £10.5k and that this cost is funded from General reserves.

**CEC039 STANDING ITEM – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER’S REPORT**

The Committee received a report on actions taken by the Community Engagement Officer since the last meeting. The Public Art project was discussed, and the committee was informed that the call for artist submissions would begin on 7 February 2022.

**Resolved unanimously:** That the report be accepted.

**CEC040 SCHEME OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

No decisions were taken under the scheme of delegated authority since the November meeting.

**CEC041 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WORK PROGRAM**

The Committee reviewed the Community Engagement Work Program.

**Resolved unanimously:** That the report be accepted.

**CEC042 RESIDENTS SURVEY**

The Committee discussed the form of a residents’ survey. The Committee stressed the need for a ‘short and snappy’ survey, which should take place before a Council strategic day.

**Resolved unanimously:** That the questions previously received for the residents’ survey be circulated to members of the group to facilitate further work on the questions.

**CEC043 WAVENDON GATE YOUTH CAFE**

The Committee received a written report from the Wavendon Gate Youth Café. It was reported that they had run their first Youth Café Social for 2 years in December, which was a trip to Planet Ice, attended by 15 members. The first Café night in January was attended by 17 members. The report also provided a breakdown of the postcode locations of the café members.

**Resolved Unanimously:** That the Wavendon Gate Youth Café be requested to provide postcode details of attendees of the Youth Café, not just members of the organisation.

**Councillors Tate Chapman-Ballard and Adam Chapman-Ballard temporarily left the meeting at 8:30pm**

**CEC044 BROWNS WOOD FABULOUSLY FESTIVE**

(Note: The Chair of the Committee declared a personal and pecuniary interest in this item and vacated the room during consideration of this item. In the absence of the Chair and the Vice-Chair, the Committee elected Councillor Jaime Tamagnini as Chair for this item only.)

The Committee received a report on the Browns Wood Fabulously Festive Christmas Lights Competition, which Councillor Tate Chapman-Ballard, as the Chair of the Community Engagement Committee had been requested to choose the winners.

No decision had been made regarding a giving of a prize for the winners of the competition, Councillors Tate Chapman-Ballard and Adam Chapman-Ballard offered a prize of £25 at the time of choosing the winner.

**Resolved unanimously:**

1. That the £25 donation made by Cllrs. Chapman-Ballard be refunded to them from the general Community Engagement budget.
2. That, as required for any prize offered by the Council as part of a competition, the winner's name be published on the Council's website

**Councillors Tate Chapman-Ballard and Adam Chapman-Ballard returned to the meeting at 8:35pm**

**CEC045 STREETFOOD SESSIONS**

The Committee received a report on plans for Streetfood and Farmers Market events to be held at Hindhead Knoll throughout 2022. The Community Engagement Officer had made plans with the Milton Keynes Streetfood Collective to jointly run events on the first Sunday of each month, starting in April 2022. the sessions could be combined with stalls for a farmers market event.

**Resolved unanimously:** That streetfood sessions, and where possible farmers markets, be held on the first Sunday of the month from April until October 2022.

**CEC046 2022 EVENTS CALENDAR**

The Committee received a draft 2022 calendar of Council Events.

**Resolved unanimously:** That the events calendar be accepted

**CEC047 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS**

The Committee discussed an idea put forward by Cllr. Tate Chapman-Ballard to implement a Community Service Award Scheme to recognise excellent community service within and to the community. The committee discussed possible awards for Young Person's Achievement Community Champions and a Lifetime Service Award. The Committee considered ways residents could be nominated, either by the public or by WCC Councillors. The Committee

discussed presenting the awards at the Annual Parish Meeting, if there was sufficient time for the scheme to take place between now and the date set for the Annual Parish Meeting.

**Resolved unanimously:** That the item be further discussed at the February Community Engagement Committee meeting.

**CEC048 SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY**

The Committee considered a draft Social Media Policy and put forward suggested changes that would be recommended for adoption by Full Council.

**Resolved unanimously:** That the suggested changes be made in a tracked changes version of the draft policy, which will be considered by all the other Standing Committees before being recommended for adoption by Full Council

**CEC049 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE BUDGET 2021/2022**

The Committee received the 2021/2022 Community Engagement Committee budget.

**Resolved unanimously:** That the budget be accepted.

**The meeting ended at 9:25pm**