

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY ENAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL 2024, 7:00PM AT IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, GREENACRE CENTRE, VALERIAN WAY, STOTFOLD

Committee Members present:

Councillors: Smith (Vice Chair), Bendell, Buck, Saunders, Talbot and Wightwick

Also present:

Cllr Headington (joined virtually at 19:11)

E. Payne, Town Clerk

S Hossack, Community Engagement Officer (virtually)

19/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Wightwick and Vennear. Cllr Headington joined the meeting remotely but was unable to vote as he was not present. It was **RESOLVED** to:

Adopt the apologies.

20/23 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS INTERESTS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

There were no declarations made.

21/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – QUESTIONS, COMMENTS & RESPONSES

No questions raised.

22/24 CLERKS REPORT

Nothing to report.

23/24 REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

23/24.1 Stotfold 50

Members received an update on the event. It was noted that marquees were still to be arranged. Members considered that an event trailer was not required at the event, the town council gazebo was sufficient. Security quotations were received, and a further quote was outstanding.

It was **RESOLVED** to:

- a) *Accept Quotation 1 for Toilet Hire from Site Event at £2321.00***
- b) *Accept Quotation 1 for First Aid cover from St John's Ambulance at £617.76***
- c) *Delegate to the Clerk the authority to engage a security company up to £4,000.***

19:11 Cllr Headington joined the meeting virtually

Members were advised that some form of mechanism needed to be implemented to control the number of attendees. This was part of the security mechanism as well as a good way to monitor attendance. An online ticketed system was considered, and the

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Clerk will investigate this and bring costings to a future meeting. It was agreed that the pricing would be £1 per attendee over 16 with all costs going to charity, to be agreed at the next meeting.

The name of the gin was then considered, with an overall majority of those present preferring 'SG&T'. The pricing for the beer and gin will be considered at the next meeting.

24/24.2 Multi Faith Event

Members considered that this item should be deferred until the Community Engagement Officer starts and that it should be a multi-faith event. It was **RESOLVED** to:

Postpone the project until later in 2024.

17/24.3 Market

Members agreed to postpone this event until the new Community Engagement Officer commences in the role and look at introducing it in 2025. It was **RESOLVED** to:

Postpone the project until 2025.

17/24.4 Exercise for the Community

Members were advised that this item would be considered at the next meeting as the Clerk had not yet received any quotations.

18/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be advised.

The meeting closed at 19:48.

SIGNED BY CHAIRMAN: _____

MINUTES APPROVED (date): _____