

The Minutes of the Youth & Wellbeing Committee Meeting held on 26th May 2021

A meeting of the Youth & Wellbeing Committee was held on 26th May 2021 via Zoom at 7.00 pm.
Present: Cllrs. L. Hicks (Chairman), S Coventry, A. Davis, R. Hadley, B. Wragge

1. Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from P. Millett
2. Declarations of Interest: None.
3. Election of Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman: Cllr Davis proposed Cllr Hicks as Chair, seconded by Cllr Coventry. Cllr Hicks accepted the nomination and there were no other nominations. Unanimous vote in favour. Cllr Hicks proposed Cllr Davis as Vice-Chair, seconded by Cllr Wragge. Cllr Davis accepted the nomination, there were no other nominations. Unanimous vote in favour.
4. Minutes of previous Committee meeting held on 15th March 2021 (circulated): Cllr. S Coventry proposed to approve the YWC committee minutes of 15th March 2021, Cllr. A. Davis seconded the proposal. A unanimous vote in favour.
5. Matters Arising: Cllr Hicks requested the next agenda to include an item relating to bye-laws signage. Cllr Davis requested increased opportunity for committee members to add items to future agendas to reduce the matters discussed under this heading.
6. Youth:
 - 6.1. Youth Club Sessions: The draft Service Level Agreement for 2021 was agreed to be issued to the Cricket Club prior to sessions re-commencing on Monday 31st May; the benefit to the village of having access to this venue as a community amenity was acknowledged.
 - 6.2. Cotswold Youth Roadshow: Cllr Hicks will attend the Youth Club and Roadshow events on Monday 31st May at the Cricket Club – World Jungle will run the roadshow;
 - 6.3. Play Glos: Cllr Davis proposed the committee commission After School term-time Play Ranger sessions with effect 21st June, subject to the removal of social distancing restrictions on that date, at a cost of £244 per session (from the approved budget), seconded by Cllr Coventry. Unanimous vote in favour. Stepping Out sessions were not of interest at this stage.
 - 6.4. Play Area Inspections: The Committee noted and agreed reports/actions. The Clerk actions reported problems under delegated authority.
 - 6.5. New play equipment:
 - 6.5.1. The Committee noted that 2 additional quotes had been received following advertisement of the tender has been advertised on the Contracts Finder web-site and these were considered prior to drawing up a short-list of 4 bids; the unsuccessful grant application to Enovert was also noted, as well as the extension of deadlines in respect of the CDC and GPFA grants to 18th August and indefinitely, respectively;
 - 6.5.2. Committee members had studied each quote in detail and a brief further discussion took place relating to relative merits. Cllr Hadley reported on project funds - £67k has been set aside from Council and grant funds; additional funds could be applied for from the deferred new Burial Space project (£5k) and surplus reserves;
 - 6.5.3. Cllr Hicks proposed that the committee approve the Kompan quotation in the sum of £74,400 on the basis of cost, best value for the range of equipment proposed at the Naight and Melville, as well as after sale customer ratings, seconded by Cllr Coventry, unanimous vote in favour. Lead times require further investigation to prevent play areas being closed during summer holidays. The committee will seek approval for the proposal and transfer of additional funds from other budgets at the June meeting. If approved, the Clerk will be instructed to progress the receipt of grant funds in accordance with grant criteria.

- 6.6 Melville Play Area Street Light: The committee noted the car park area is the responsibility of Bromford Housing (not GCC). It was agreed to instruct the Clerk to investigate the potential cost of a new light for reconsideration at a future meeting as to a match funding proposal to Bromford for works to take place.
- 6.7 Play Area Inspector: It was noted that 2 applications had been received – Cllrs Hicks and Wragge will arrange soonest interviews w/c 1st June in order to ratify and appointment without delay – terms to match those of the existing inspector.
- 6.8 Annual Play Area Inspection: The annual inspection is due in June – it was unanimously agreed to recommend Council approve Wicksteed's quote in the sum of £60 per play area, in the total sum of £180 + VAT. NB: 3 yearly review of Annual Inspection service provider is due in 2022-23.
- 6.9 Youth Anti-Social Behaviour: Cllr Davis raised concerns at ongoing ASB and substantial littering at Melville, particularly in respect of dangerous litter found on-site. It was noted that the Police encourage the reporting of dangerous items found in litter via the 101 number so these may be safely retrieved by their officers.
7. Wellbeing:
- 7.1. Mental Health Project:
- 7.1.1. Cllr Davis summarised grant funds available for the project (iro £3.5k); grant fund criteria require funds to be spent on items such as mental health first aid training during 21-22; it was agreed that any future training of this type would be commissioned with Cotswold First Aid.
- 7.1.2. Dementia Friendly Bourton: It was acknowledged that any future proposals under this aspect of the overall project should reflect increased community involvement; in this respect, the Customer Relationship Manager of the Order of St John at Jubilee Lodge approached the committee and has agreed to chair future meetings of the Steering Group which progresses all dementia friendly actions. The committee will consider joining the Dementia Action Alliance at the next committee meeting.
- 7.1.3. Cllr Hadley proposed the Committee purchase large faced clocks or other small items for the Community Centre to make this community building more dementia friendly, subject to a budget of £400, seconded by Cllr Wragge, unanimous vote in favour. Cllrs Davis and Wragge will liaise with the Assistant Clerk in respect of identifying purchases, and the Assistant Clerk was delegated to action agreed purchases.
- 7.1.4. Suicide Awareness and Training: The Café treats offer for training participants will recommence with immediate effect with 4 participating local cafes. Cllr Davis reported that she attended an Assembly at the Cotswold School on 21st May which was dedicated to this subject, at the request of the school and under the direction of Headspace and Aspire to Inspire. Students were given guidance regarding qualified organisations which could assist students who were struggling with this issue. Cllr Davis suggested that Council try to engage more with young people ie Youth Council initiative, previously unsuccessful.
- 7.2. Thriving Communities project: Cllr Davis reported a total of circa £8.5k additional grant funds available under this heading.
- 7.3. Wellbeing Project sustainability: Given the scale of actions being taken forward, Cllr Davis proposed the committee seek Council approval for a Working Party to be established to progress identified initiatives and then continue progressing community wellbeing projects once grant funds have been spent; the Party to comprise Council members, local individuals, businesses, youth groups, and make regular reports to Council on progress – Cllrs Davis, Hicks and Wragge to participate on behalf of Council. Proposal seconded by Cllr Coventry. Unanimous vote in favour.

- 7.4. Defibrillators: Cllr Wragge had circulated a copy of the village defibrillator audit; the China Shop proposal for Council to be involved in bringing the business community together to fund the future maintenance of the machine
- 7.5. Wellbeing grants: Review summary of grants received (circulated) and confirm which grants remain unspent so these can be listed under earmarked funds in Council's future financial forecasts; agree action for unspent grant monies;
8. Correspondence:
 - 8.1. Introduction of Future Me Glos, and agree any action;
 - 8.2. Cotswold Youth Network: Note information relating to Glos Nightstop Supported Lodgings and agree any action;
 - 8.3. Glos Community Rail Partnership: Note survey of young people seeking information on their travel needs and agree any action;
9. AOB:
 - 9.1 Cllr Davis reported on correspondence received by her from a local ice-cream street trader relating to his wish to participate in dementia friendly initiatives;
 - 9.2 Cllr Hicks has been liaising with Citizen's Advice Stroud relating to the registration of EU citizens which she will circulate purely for information to various local businesses which employ overseas workers.
10. Date of next meeting – Monday 14th June at 7.00pm

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