

Extraordinary Regeneration and Community Committee Meeting Tuesday 27th June 2023 at 130pm

Meeting held at Pye Green Community Centre, Bradbury Lane, Hednesford, WS12 4EP

Present:

Cllr Sharon Jagger (Chair)
Cllr Alan Pearson
Cllr Ann Turville
Cllr Sheila Cartwright
Cllr Annette Walker
Cllr Laura Harrison

In attendance from Hednesford Town Council:

Lindsey Smith - Chief Officer Matt Johnson – Community Engagement Officer

Members of the Public:

There was 1 member of the public present.

1. Public Participation

No points were raised under public participation

2. Apologies:

No apologies were received

3. Declaration of Interest

No declaration of Interests were raised

4. Previous Minutes

Previous minutes were accepted to record. No resolution could be made due to none of the current committee members being in attendance at the previous Regeneration and Community Committee meeting on 21st February 2023

5. Chair Update

a. Remit of Committee

The Chair gave an overview on the remit of the committee and what activities fall under the committee in accordance with the Committee Delegations document

b. Appointment of Deputy Chair

Cllr Harrison was proposed Cllr Pearson seconded

Agreed: 6 - Cllr Jagger, Cllr A Turville, Cllr S Cartwright, Cllr Walker, Cllr Harrison. Cllr Pearson

Action: Cllr Harrison was Elected Deputy Chair of Regeneration and Communities Committee

c. Agree schedule of Meetings

Confirmed that meetings will be bi-monthly on a Tuesday at 10am and will fall on the following dates:

- Tuesday 22nd August 2023
- Tuesday 17th October 2023
- Tuesday 12th December 2023
- Tuesday 20th February 2023

Action: Proper Officer to send out committee dates

6. Town Centre Management

Town Trader Group

A private Facebook group has been set up to engage and liaise with town centre traders in the absence of a Regeneration Officer. To date there are 44 members

Action: Proper Officer to keep Committee updated as to any issues, concerns that may arise

7. Town Centre Signage Consultation

Lack of town centre signage has been raised by local businesses and numerous local community groups. Community Officer to carry out survey/consultation late summer/early autumn as to current signage and placement, access points into town

etc... and will report back to the committee in October for any actions/decisions/next steps to be made

Action: Report to Committee in October 2023 of findings of survey/consultation

8. Hednesford Street Market

Update was provided on the running of Hednesford Street market. HQ events are due to run their 2nd market in June. 45 stalls due to attend. Feedback from traders and customers has largely been positive

4 out of the 5 business which HTC have agreed to fund their pitch have now signed the partnership agreement

Concerns raised about parking in the taxi rank, parking in the laybys blocking stall pitches on market days and noise have been reported to the Proper Officer. A meeting is being arranged with HQ Events to discuss these further

Actions: Proper Officer to meet with HQ Events

Proper Officer to circulate copy of SLA with HQ events to all Committee Members

Proper Officer to ask parking enforcement to monitor the unauthorised parking in the taxi rank off Anglesey Street

Proper Officer to seek advice from Environmental Health at CCDC re: noise complaint

8. Residents Petition regarding road closure on market dates

The petition submitted to full council on 16.05.23 and potential solutions/next steps were discussed at length

Action: Proper Officer to ascertain legalities of ending the market at Eskrett Street and cost implications of amending the road closure notices. Any recommendations to be taken to full council

Proper Officer to liaise with HQ Events on how to support businesses along Market Street from Eskrett Street to Church Hill

Proper Officer to update contact on behalf of the residents of the petition

9. Regeneration

a. Railway access to Platform 1

Update given that following liaison with HTC and Network Rail that the access via steps from the pavement to platform 1 has now been rectified and opened

b. CIL Update

Overview of items for consideration were shared and further suggestions invited

c. Prosperity Fund Update

Overview of items for consideration were shared and further suggestions invited

d. Visit Hednesford Brand

This was agreed to be moved onto a future agenda due to time constraints of the current meeting

10. Event/Project Update

Overview was provided on upcoming community events

Concerns were raised about access at the Civic Remembrance and solutions discussed

Cllr Pearson asked to be invited to the next HiP planning meeting

Actions: Community Officer to make small amendment to Civic Remembrance event plan

Cllr Pearson to be informed of next HiP planning meeting

11. Partnerships

a. HiP SLA

This is now in place with HiP and has been signed by both parties

b. HTC Flower Planters

Proper Officer informed of meeting with Miners Memorial group and plans to utilise Prosperity Funding to maintain the planters and carry out essential repairs

Action: Proper Officer to make contact with Tom Walsh from CCDC regarding watering of plants should funding be used

c. Anglesey Street Planters

Cllr Jagger informed that these have now been tidied up and replanted by CCDC and no further discussion is required

d. Hednesford Life

This was agreed to be moved onto a future agenda due to time constraints of the current meeting

12. Young People

Proper Officer informed that young people need to be involved more going forwards as they are underrepresented at HTC. Both the Proper Officer and Community Officer are keen to explore the establishment of a Youth Council

13. Heritage

Community Officer is planning 3 different local history talks to deliver within the community

14. Community Devices

AED device from old Co-op building in the town centre has been re-installed on Acorn Florists. It is currently out of service as there is an issues with the power supply that Community Heartbeat are investigating

Action: Community Officer to provide an update when the device will be fully operational again

13. Any other Business

No other business

14. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday 22nd August 2023 – 10am at Pye Green Community Centre

The meeting closed at 3:25pm.