



Regeneration and Community Committee Meeting

Tuesday 25th June 2024 at 630pm

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

Present:

Cllr Ann Turville (Chair)
Cllr Debbie Cartwright
Cllr Ron Turville
Cllr Alan Pearson

In attendance from Hednesford Town Council:

Lindsey Smith - Chief Officer

Members of the Public:

There was 1 member of the public present who asked to be named in the minutes. Cllr Arthur Roden

1. Apologies:

Cllr L Harrison – family concern
Cllr S Cartwright – feeling unwell

2. Declaration of Interest

No declaration of Interests were raised

3. Previous Minutes

Previous minutes from the Regeneration and Community Committee meeting held on 16th April 2024 were agreed and approved

Proposed: Cllr A Pearson
Second: Cllr S Cartwright
Agreed: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

4. Public Participation

Member of the public, Cllr Arthur Roden, raised the issue of the zebra crossing on Victoria street not being visible enough. When Cllr Roden contacted Staffordshire County Council to request the crossing to be repainted, he was informed that there is no budget. Cllr Roden informed that Staffordshire County Council have repainted the bus stops on Greenheath Road but that no bus service currently operates along this road and stated that Staffordshire County Council have used their resources in totally the wrong location

Cllr A Pearson informed that it has always been a dangerous place for a crossing and Cllr A Turville informed that this point will be discussed further later in the agenda under item 10

5. Constitution of Committee

- a. Cllr A Pearson nominated Cllr R Turville as Deputy Chair of Committee

Proposed: Cllr A Pearson
Second: Cllr Sheila Cartwright
Agreed: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Action: Cllr Ron Turville elected as Deputy Chair of Regeneration and Community Committee

- b. Chief Officer confirmed the dates for the following committee meetings
- c. Chief Officer confirmed that delegations have been signed off by full council and the committee will meet bi-monthly

6. Community Officer Update

A verbal update was given by the Chief Officer on behalf of the Community Officer on activities:

Volunteer week- series of short films were made with volunteers groups from Hednesford and shared on social media . Look forward to building upon this for next year

D-day 80th Anniversary – huge thank you to Hednesford Library and Staffordshire Regimental Association for bringing together a terrific event

Christmas Lights – structural testing took place 24th June 2024 and a report will be received shortly afterwards. Deadline for submission to Staffordshire County Council is 30th July 2024

Remembrance Project and Community Art Project to be discussed agenda item 11

Action: Committee requested a letter of thanks to be sent to Hednesford Library and Staffordshire Regimental Association.

Cllr R Turville expressed thanks and said how proud he was of all the hard work and that the D day event was a wonderful day

Cllr A Pearson enquired how much a road closure notice costs and was advised in the region of £350.00

6. Project Support Officer Update

A verbal update was given by the Chief Officer on behalf of the Project Support Office

- B&M Store -The window vinyl images were installed on 20th June. B&M have paid the agreed 50% of the total cost
- Noticeboard -Following the Full Council on 4th June and the agreement of the 4 proposed sites. The plan is to initially focus on installing the noticeboard outside the Pye Green Community Centre, CCDC have been contacted for confirmation of any planning requirements and any related cost. Also, as we are looking to place another three Notice Boards within the town council area, asked CCDC if we can have multiple sites on one application. The plan is to bring a motion to the next Full Council to ask for approval of the design and cost of the noticeboards
- Miners Memorial Wall -2 quotes have been received for replacing broken bricks, repointing and cleaning the wall. Have spoken to Mike Mellor, Mike has agreed to provide details of recommended companies. These will be approached for the third quote. The plan is to bring a motion to the next Full Council to ask for approval of the cost. Once the work on the Miners Memorial Wall is completed, attention will be turned to fixing the broken brick planters on Market Street
- Illegal Parking on Market Street -Met with Cllr Hewitt and Staffordshire County Council's Road Inspector to discuss moving the bollards outside the row of shops (inc. Greggs) on Market Street closer to the edge of the pavement. SCC confirmed they do not own the bollards; they belong to the owners of the shops. SCC are to initially confirm if there are any utilities under the pavement as this may impact any installation. SCC will also provide a list of Highways Accredited installation and manufacturing companies. Owners of the shops to be confirmed and their approval requested. If the owners of the bollards will not approve their movement, subject to utilities, there is sufficient space to install a new line of bollards. Both options will be fully costed. SCC Road Inspector is also checking if the 'No Loading' restrictions on Market Street are still in place. Signs exist but the double yellow lines on the edge of the pavement are either very faded or have been removed. If the restrictions are still in place the lines will be re-painted

A short discussion took place about how blocking off the pavement may be an issue on market days, loading restrictions and alternatives to bollards such as the placing of benches. Agreed to proceed with gaining prices and options

8. Hednesford Hopper

Chief Officer updated on conversations with Chaserider

- a. Committee reviewed the draft SLA and sought guidance from the Chief Officer and requested the QR code to be available on the bus in case the flyer does not scan
- b. Committee reviewed the wording for Hednesford Hopper promotion

Proposed: Cllr A Pearson
Second: Cllr S Cartwright
Agreed: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Action: Service Level Agreement (with amendment) and promotion with Chaserider for the Hednesford Hopper agreed

A short conversation took place about how to promote the Hednesford Hopper wider and Cllr A Turville enquired about the S106 monies that were discussed at another Committee. Chief Officer informed that the update will go into Planning Committee or next Full Council whichever is soonest

9. Rural Communities Subscription

A brief discussion took place about what the Rural Communities subscription entails and whether Hednesford classes itself as rural or not and any benefits such a subscription would bring. Committee did not feel that this is something of benefit

Proposed: Cllr R Turville
Second: Cllr A Turville
Agreed: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Action: To decline Rural Communities membership

10. Zebra Crossing – Victoria Street

As this had already been discussed when raised by a member of the public and due to Committee agreeing with the points raised further conversations need to take place with County Councillors and Staffordshire County Council to see what can be done

Proposed: Cllr A Pearson
Second: Cllr R Turville
Agreed: 4
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Action: Officers to investigate with County Councillors and Staffordshire County Council

11. Prosperity Funding

Chief Officer gave an update that notification had been received from Cannock Chase District Council that all projects put forward for the £32,000 UKSPF spend have been agreed with the exception of the heritage walks for which further information is required. Work will commence with immediate effect on actioning the projects.

12. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday 20th August 2024 at 630pm

The meeting closed at 7:21pm

Signed:

Date:

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