

## Minutes for Regeneration and Communities Committee Meeting

\*\*Due to the unexpected unavailability of the Chief Officer these minutes are unofficial and act to serve as a reminder of discussions only\*\*

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 7pm

**1. Public participation.**

Arthur Roden asked why the Chase Hopper QR code was continued without the decision going to full council

Arthur Roden asked between Nov 21 and Nov 22 what the income from Hednesford Farmers and Craft market was and what was spent on entertainment excluding the market Manager's wages.

Arthur Roden was advised to ask Lindsey for this information.

**2. Apologies.**

Stuart Crabtree

Lindsey Smith

Matt Johnson

**3. Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest

**4. Minutes of previous meeting**

Unable to agree minutes of previous meeting as no copy available.

**5. Chair updates**

None

**6. Community Grants**

£6,000 in grants still available. We have had 2 more applications, one has been approved and another for Dementia Alliance is to go to full Council. Still looking for further applications before mid Feb at the latest. If any funds are left over they will be carried forward to next year's applications.

**7. Farmers and Craft Market**

Market Manager, Paul Dadge has been given notice and now finished his employment. The role will be part of the Regeneration Officer's job description and the recruitment process is ongoing. Lianne is currently doing the admin but we have no Manager for the Feb market. DM, PW and MD to cover. Market sub committee to discuss market entertainment for rest of the year.

**8. Hednesford Platinum Jubilee Beacon**

Recommend passing to CCDC and approve grant from Friends of Hednesford Park for planting of the beacon as outlined in Matt's update. HTC to pay for engraving of plate.

**9. Community and Regeneration Budget Proposals for 2023/24**

Will recommend a 5% precept increase.

2 cuts within Community and Regeneration remit to be discussed at full Council are:

- A) Remove the Regeneration Officer role as not currently filled, add additional hours for admin to assist officers and complete admin for the market. Outsource the operational aspects of the market.
- B) Cease contributing to CCTV cameras in Hednesford town centre.