



Broadstairs & St Peter's Town Council

COMMUNITY ASSETS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday 17 July 2023 at 6pm in the Council Chamber, Pierremont Hall

Present:, Cllrs J Bright, K Bright (Chairman), M Garner, C Leys, A Munns, J Nicholls,
Town Clerk: Kirsty Holroyd

87. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies with reason were offered and accepted from Cllrs. C Kemp & G Rusiecki

88. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

89. MINUTES

Members received the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 19 June 2023.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed as a true record by the Chairman.

90. MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

None

Two members of the public were in attendance to listen to the discussion under item 9 and so with members' approval the chairman moved item 9 to this point of the meeting.

91. COMMUNITY BENCH AT ST PETER'S COURT OPEN SPACE

Two members of the public attended and requested the Council consider siting a bench on the land which is very well used and well-kept by local people.

RECOMMENDATION:

i) That Council accepts the proposal and provides the bench

ii) That fully costed options be brought to Council for approval as soon as possible.

The two members of the public left the meeting.

92. ACQUISITION OF GREEN SPACE

i) Members received and considered a report outlining the main considerations with acquiring land.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to note.

ii) Members received and considered the steps involved in acquiring assets.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to note.

Members then discussed alternatives to purchasing land.

RESOLVED:

i) That Cllr Nichols be asked to ascertain the appetite amongst local businesses towards sponsorship of gardeners for Victoria Gardens and Pierremont Park.

ii) That a meeting be arranged with Cllr Albon, the TDC portfolio holder with responsibility for management of green space to ascertain any opportunities for partnership working on the issue.

93. PIERREMONT HALL: PHASE 3

Members received indicative costs and outline of scope of works from a prospective building consultant.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to note.

Members also noted that the initial meeting as agreed at the last meeting (minute 81) had not yet taken place due to everyone's limited availability.

RESOLVED: That in order to speed up the meeting it is only necessary for three out of the four members of the group to attend and the meeting can take place remotely.

94. ISSUES IN ALBION STREET CAR PARK

Members received a verbal report from the Town Clerk who explained that for the third successive month the matter had not moved on despite firm commitment from the Town Council to offer 50% of the estimated repair costs of £9000. Cllr J Bright reported that she had also sought information from key officers at TDC and that she understood a meeting was to take place the following week to discuss the issue.

95. RETORT HOUSE

Members received and discussed an idea to promote Retort House to young people. Cllr Bright wishes to explore an idea to set up an events committee with representatives from each of the secondary schools in Broadstairs and St Peter's and invite them to arrange events which will appeal to teenagers with the aims of increasing activities for young people within the town and getting better use of one of the Council's built assets.

RECOMMENDATION:

i) That Cllr Bright be permitted to start setting up a committee with these aims.

ii) That a budget of £1000 from the Civic Costs budget be allocated to pump prime the proposal with the aim of all events becoming self-funding over time.

96. COMMUNITY BENCH AT ST PETER'S COURT OPEN SPACE

This item had already been discussed under minute 91

The following business was undertaken in accordance of the provision of standing order 3d with a resolution made to exclude the public due to the confidential nature of the business.

97. TENANTS' ISSUES

Members received a verbal report detailing all outstanding issues.

RESOLVED:

i) That invoicing for monthly rents, personal electricity use and car parking spaces be brought back in house.

ii) That a letter be written to the tenant requesting negotiations to state no meeting will take place until the tenant is up to date with all outstanding payments.

Members of the public, had any been present were permitted to re-enter the meeting

98. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 18 September 2023 at 6pm in the Council Chamber, Pierremont Hall

Meeting closed at 7.15 pm

Signed_____

Date_____