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E&L.13.

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE COMMITTEE MEETING TUESDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2021

PRESENT

Councillor: K Saunders (In the Chair)

Councillors: A Bishop
G Evans
P Newton-Smith
(Mrs) L Vardy
(Miss) J Murphy – No voting rights
R Williams – No voting rights

Town Clerk D Rose

IN ATTENDANCE

4 Members of the Public

APOLOGIES

46. Councillors (Mrs) J Bishop, N Gardiner, (Mrs) M Penny, S Weisinger



Highworth is a Fair Trade Town



Twinned with Wassenberg



Twinned with Pontorson

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

47. None

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

48. a. Councillor K Smith asked the E&L Committee the following questions:

Sustainable Highworth Working Group (SHWG) is seeking funds from the Precept, should they not be seeking funds via a Grant Application?

Why is there a separate Website for SHWG and why is it not kept up to date?

Where does the SHWG sit within the Council and who does it report to?

SHWG is a Working Group of Highworth Town Council (HTC). A budget request can be made by the Group but must be approved by Full Council. Councillors approved the Website on 3 November 2020 Minute 44. The set up of SHWG is to be a future Agenda item at Full Council to be reviewed.

CORRESPONDENCE

49. None

MINUTES OF MEETING

50. **RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE MEETING (E&L) HELD ON TUESDAY 5 OCTOBER 2021 BE ADOPTED AND SIGNED.** The Minutes were adopted and to be duly signed.

MATTERS ARISING

51. None

3G PITCH WITHIN THE TOWN

52. Councillor K Saunders attended a Meeting on Monday 1 November 2021 with Highworth Town Junior Football Club (HTJFC), Highworth Warneford School and Wiltshire Football Association. The total project cost for a 3G pitch is £750,000.00. The Football Association will fund £570,000.00 and £80,000.00 has already been raised, leaving an outstanding balance of £100,000.00. A Grant Application for £100,000.00 to be paid over 2 years is being prepared to be submitted to HTC. The Town Clerk advised of S106 monies available for such projects and will ensure this information is available when the Application is submitted. Councillors requested a detailed Business Plan to support this Application.

Standing Order suspended by the Chair to allow M Collett of HTJFC to speak.

COMMUNITY MINIBUS

53. Councillors considered facilitating a minibus. The Town Clerk is to investigate lease costs and this will be a future Agenda item at Full Council.

PRECEPT

54. The Adopted Action Plan of HTC was reviewed and associated costs for each project under E&L was discussed. The recommendation will form part of the final Precept recommendation to be approved by Full Council.

MEMBERS' BUSINESS

55. Councillor (Mrs) L Vardy: Concerns were raised regarding the traffic in Brewery Street. The Town Clerk is to investigate "Slow Signage" (Traffic Calming signs) with Swindon Borough Council. This is to be an Agenda item at a future Committee Meeting.

Meeting closed at 8:47pm

Action Points

- SHWG is to be an Agenda item at the next Full Council
- The Town Clerk to investigate Community Minibus lease costs and add to a future Full Council Agenda
- The Town Clerk to investigate "Traffic Calming Signs" with SBC