

Present: Councillor Sarah Miller (Chair)
Councillor Paula Isaac (Vice Chair)
Councillor Donna Crook (substitute for Councillor Glen Lambert)
Councillor Dave Eggleton (Deputy Mayor)
Councillor Will Hamilton
Councillor Ian Reissmann
Councillor Michelle Thomas

In attendance: Miss Cath Adams – Proper Officer
Ms Helen Barnett – Town and Community Manager
Mrs Nicci Taylor – Minute Taker
1 Member of the Press

18. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ken Arlett (Mayor), Councillor Lorraine Hillier, Councillor John Hooper and Councillor Glen Lambert – Councillor Donna Crook Substitute.

19. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

20. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

None present.

21. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Town and Community Committee held on 14 May 2019 were received, approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

22. BUDGET

Members received the Management Accounts to 31 May 2019. **IT WAS RESOLVED**

that the Management Accounts be noted.

23. EVENTS SUB COMMITTEE

Members received the notes of the Events Sub Committee Meeting held on Friday 24 May 2019.

A member questioned why Santa's Grotto was being moved from the Kenton Theatre back to the Town Hall and was advised that the event was tweaked every year and that bringing it to the Town Hall would make it more central.

Possible locations for Santa's Grotto were discussed and will be investigated further.

Post meeting note: the decision to move the Grotto back to the Town Hall for the 2019 Christmas Festival was made by the Events Committee at its meeting on 27 July 2018. This was again discussed on 14 September 2018, 11 January 2019 and 24 May 2019.

Thanks were given to The Town and Community Manager for all her hard work in assisting the organiser, South Oxfordshire District Council and Oxfordshire County Council with the organisation of the OVO Womens Cycle Tour. It was noted that Henley Town Council were not responsible for this event and that SODC and OCC were responsible for all logistics including notifications being sent to residents and organising all parking suspensions and car park closures.

A three year agreement has been made with the organisers to come through South Oxfordshire but it is unknown if Henley will be affected again in future years. **IT WAS RESOLVED**

that when the wash up document for OVO is received a combined Council response should be sent, and

that the notes be noted.

24. SLIPWAY

Following the current licensee's termination (from September 2019) of the Licence to sell Ice Cream next to the slipway on New Street, Members considered if they wished to renew the licence, as an application has been received to take over the pitch, or if it wished to publicise the availability of the licence from September for next year.

It was agreed that the Licence should be put out to Tender and whomever took over the licence be responsible for installing their own electrical supply further away from the slip way (closer to the bench) so that the Ice cream Van does not cause any obstruction to boats wanting to use the Slipway.

IT WAS RESOLVED

that the Licence be put out to Tender from September and any interested parties be advised that it is their responsibility to ensure that new electrics are installed in the correct position.

25. TOWN BUS

Members received a proposed revised Town Bus timetable agreed that the bus usage figures should be reported to the Transport Users Group.

It was noted that the bus is a public service and should not just be run for profit and that although one of the proposals is to stop the 145 Gillotts School Service this should not cause too much issue as this was a duplicated service also provided by Whites Coaches.

IT WAS RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

that the revised timetable be accepted and the bus usage figures be reported to the Transport User Group for consideration.

26. PROGRESS

Members had before them a report on progress and after the following observations noted the information contained therein;

Georgian Paving in Bell Street

Awaiting a date that Tim Wilde is available to attend site. R&A to work with Helen Gaynor on the Triangle. HTC to consider using the £10k reserved to pave the area with York Stone should it be discovered that there is nothing under the Tarmac.

Road / Pavement Works

Item to be removed from progress

Town Centre Signage

Different date for 1st meeting to be found and circulated.

Repair Café

Visit planned for Sunday 21 July to the Reading Repair Café by the Town & Community Manager. Two possible venues have been identified, one with a provisional yes, just waiting for confirmation of full details before taking back to trustees for final agreement. Introduction pack on its way that gives all the information on setting up a Café required.

Water Fountains for Henley

Thames Water will update HTC in September when they are available to carry out a regional project.

Mermaid Statue

Mermaid being reinstated on Thursday 27 June so item can be removed from progress,

Thameside Bollards

Bollards passed to the Planning Committee so item can be removed from progress.

27. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS - CONFIDENTIAL

It was moved by the Chairman and RESOLVED

that the public and the press be excluded from the remainder of the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 as the publicity would be prejudicial to the Public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business transacted.

28. MARKET PLACE SEATING LICENCE

Members considered a request from HOF's for an amendment to their Licence and a request for an additional Licence to be granted on the Market Place.

IT WAS RESOLVED

that the request from HOF's to change the end date of their licence from the end of October to end of September is not granted. There are two licence options. Option 1: 1 April–31 March or Option 2: 1 April-31 October only, and

that HOF's be advised that from next year (2020) their licenced area will move across to the other side of the Market Place (opposite Facy), and

that HOF's be asked to clarify exactly what food they want to serve outside before a decision can be made, and

that the Proper Officer be give Delegated Powers to decide if the food being served is appropriate, and

that Catalyst be contacted and advised that the licenced area outside 22 Market Place would be available next year, and

that permission is given for a 7th licenced area on the Market Place, and

that a new paragraph be added to all the licences stating that the benches in the Market Place must be available for public use at all times.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

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Chairman