

Present:
Councillor Miss L M Hillier (Chairman)
Councillor Sarah Miller (Vice Chairman)
Councillor Dave Eggleton
Councillor S Evans
Councillor Will Hamilton
Councillor David Nimmo Smith
Councillor Glen Lambert (Mayor)
Councillor Ken Arlett (Deputy Mayor)

In attendance:
Mrs J Wheeler – Town Clerk
Ms H Barnett – Town & Community Manager
Mrs L Jones - RFO
Councillor S Gawrysiak
Councillor D Crook
Councillor J Brookes
Sergeant N Anns
1 Member of the Press
1 Member of the Public

Councillors agreed to bring item 5. on the agenda - Police to the start of the meeting.

57. POLICE

Members received a local area update from Sergeant Neil Anns.

Sergeant Anns informed Members that he would be leaving Henley at the end of January 2019 but assured Members that they did not need to worry as he would be informing his successor that Henley should be her priority and that Barb, Alex and Claire the PCSO team would remain with all their local knowledge.

It was noted that Crime and Antisocial Behaviour in general were down from last year but drug related incidents were up. A recent three week operation took place that proved very successful with 16 stop and searches, 11 of which were positive, resulting in the arrest of a 15 and a 17 year old boy who were selling class A and B drugs. The team are now carrying out lots of safeguarding / education work alongside Social Services.

Further drug operations will take place during December and January.

If members of the public are aware of crimes / incidents taking place they need to report them to the Police and not just put them on Social Media.

Sergeant Anns felt that in his opinion Henley was in need of more resources and stated that parking was his lowest priority as it was not a threat to the public.

Sergeant Anns confirmed devolution of parking was still under discussion with District and County Council.

Members thanked Sergeant Anns for his hard work during his time in Henley and wished him well for the future.

Sergeant Anns left the meeting at 8.15pm.

58. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Councillor Miss K Hinton.

59. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received

60. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Philippa Ratcliffe – New Street informed the meeting that she was an event co-ordinator who was interested in bringing two events to Henley – Pillage the Village at Halloween and a Food Festival. Ms Ratcliffe was advised that she had interesting ideas which she would need to present to the Events Committee.

61. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Town and Community Committee held on 25 September 2018 were received, approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

62. BUDGET

i) Members had before them the Management Accounts to 31 October 2018. It was noted that at the last meeting it was Recommended that the Fireworks for the end of the Regatta in July be added to the schedule. **IT WAS RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

that the Management Accounts be noted.

ii) Members had before them a Final Budget Report for 2019-20. **IT WAS RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

that the Management Accounts be noted.

63. TOWN AND COMMUNITY MANAGER

Members received a report from the Town and Community Manager. **IT WAS RESOLVED**

that the report be noted.

64. INFORMATION CENTRE UPDATE

Members received a report from the Town & Community Manager. Helen Barnett spoke briefly to the report to state that the roles of the Tourist Information Centre and the Council Information have been amalgamated and this coincided with plans for a re-fit. It was agreed that any feedback should be fed back to the Town & Community Manager. **IT WAS RESOLVED**

that the report be noted.

65. HENLEY BUS

i) Members received the notes of the Bus Working Group held on 25 October 2018.
IT WAS RESOLVED

that the notes be noted.

ii) Members received a report on the proposed Saturday Bus Service. A lengthy discussion ensued on whether the Town Council should do a business plan first before committing CIL monies to the new service. It was noted that the Saturday service was requested by many people at the launch of the Henley Bus and it would encourage families to come into town at the weekend.

IT WAS RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

that the Council funds a Saturday bus service and uses the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds to fund the service for 12 months with a six month break clause.

66. EVENTS COMMITTEE

Members received and considered the Minutes of the Events Committees held on 19 October 2018. **IT WAS RESOLVED**

that the Minutes be approved.

67. POSTERS

Members considered updating the existing Policy for the display of signs and boards in Henley. **IT WAS RESOLVED**

that a revised Policy be brought back to the next meeting for consideration. The revised Policy will have a “style guide” to ensure that the size and look of the signs followed a standard format.

68. PROGRESS

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

Sound Vision and Light System for the Town Hall Sound work now complete and snagging carried out. Council Chamber sound was cancelled. The Town Clerk was gathering a further two quotes for the new lighting in the main hall.

BT Phone Boxes at St Andrews Road and Northfield End Decoration works all carried out, shelving only delivered today so works due to be finished as soon as possible. Pictures of completed phone boxes to be circulated to all Councillors once work is finished.

REFILL Councillor Sarah Miller to chase Huw Thomas for reports.

Mermaid Statue Councillor Evans apologised for not moving this issue forward. She will send an e-mail seeking feedback and an alternative route forward to the Working Group.

Repair Café Repair cafes are an international incentive. They are free and bring people together repairing items rather than throwing them away. They promote sustainability and the idea was put forward to start one in Henley.

HOUSEKEEPING

Benches Value for Money

Bins Remove from list

Electric Boxes On Town Sergeant List

Phone Boxes The chairman received a letter back from BT in response to the request to clean the telephone boxes but is still awaiting a cleaning schedule for the ones in Hart Street. This will be chased up.

Red Lion Lawn Park Services to advise which items they can help with.

Post meeting note: The Town Clerk and Committee Chairman met with Parks staff at Red Lion lawn to discuss repairs/refurbishment. This is now underway.

69. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS - CONFIDENTIAL It was moved by the Chairman and RESOLVED

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

Councillor D Nimmo Smith left the meeting at 9.30pm

70. CCTV

i) Members received the Confidential Minutes of a CCTV meeting held on Wednesday 14 November 2018. The newly discovered rogue camera was discussed and it was noted that investigation was being carried out by the Town Clerk as to ownership of the camera and if it was working or had been decommissioned. **IT WAS RESOLVED**

that the Minutes be noted

ii) Members received a CCTV half yearly report from 1 April – 30 September 2018 **IT WAS RESOLVED**

that the report be noted.

71. HENLEY BUS

Members considered the cost of a Saturday Bus Service.

After discussion it was agreed the Saturday Bus Service should run for an initial year with a 6 month break clause with the cost of £12,400 being funded by Community Infrastructure Levy funds.

The Meeting closed at 9.40pm

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Chairman