

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

Meeting of the Southern Rural Committee held in the Foundation House,
Icknield Way, Letchworth Garden City
on Thursday, 5th October, 2017 at 7.30 pm

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Steve Hemingway, Cathryn Henry and Terry Tyler.

2 MINUTES - 6 JULY 2017

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 July 2017 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman.

3 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There were no notifications of other business.

4 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (1) The Chairman reminded everyone that, in accordance with Council policy, the meeting was being audio recorded;
- (2) Members were reminded that any declarations of interest in respect of any business set out in the agenda, should be declared as either a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or Declarable Interest and are required to notify the Chairman of the nature of any interest declared at the commencement of the relevant item on the agenda. Members declaring a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest must withdraw from the meeting for the duration of the item. Members declaring a Declarable Interest which requires they leave the room under Paragraph 7.4 of the Code of Conduct, can speak on the item, but must leave the room before the debate and vote;
- (3) The Chairman advised that the next meeting of this Committee, due to be held on 30 November 2017 would be the annual pre-Christmas meeting. He asked Members if they had any suggestions for venues.

Members considered whether to meet off-site for every meeting, but agreed that the current practice of only meeting off-site for the pre-Christmas meeting should be continued.

Members suggested that investigations be made into the availability of Knebworth Village Hall and St Ippolyts Village Hall for the next meeting of the Committee.

RESOLVED: That the Committee and Member Services Officer be requested to identify a suitable venue for the next meeting of this Committee, taking into account the suggestions of this Committee to consider Knebworth Village Hall and St Ippolyts Village Hall.

5 COUNTRYSIDE MANAGEMENT SERVICE

Charlotte Carter, Countryside Management Service (CMS), gave a verbal presentation regarding the work that they undertook and some of the projects they were involved in..

The Chairman thanked Ms Carter for her interesting presentation.

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RESOLVED: That the Countryside Management Service be requested to organise a walk around Pryors Wood and the District Park and that all Councillors from NHDC and Great Ashby Community Council be invited to attend.

REASON FOR DECISION: To promote the work done by the Countryside Management Service in North Hertfordshire.

6 CONSULTATION IN RELATION TO THE PROPOSED STREET TRADING POLICY 2018-2025

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the report be noted, and the following comment considered by the Licensing Officer in the final version of the proposed Street Trading Policy 2018-2025:
- (2) That the Licensing Officer be requested to inform Members of the rationale regarding Paragraph 3.4.2 of the Policy.

REASON FOR DECISION: To provide local input into the proposed Street Trading Policy 2018-2015.

7 GRANTS AND COMMUNITY UPDATE

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the activities and schemes with which the Communities Manager has been involved with, as set out in the report, be noted;
- (2) That the budgetary expenditure, balances and carry forwards within the Area Committee Development Budget spreadsheet, as attached at Appendix 1 to the report, be noted.

REASON FOR DECISION: To ensure that the Southern Rural Committee is kept informed of the work of the Communities Manager and to inform Members of the financial resources and current budgetary position.

8 WARD MATTERS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS - MEMBERS' REPORTS

There were no Member's reports regarding Ward matters or outside organisations.

9 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - CODICOTE FOOTBALL CLUB

Mr Craig Rathbone, Codicote Football Club, thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to address the Committee and gave a verbal presentation in support of their application for grant funding.

The Chairman thanked Mr Rathbone for his presentation.

10 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - KNEBWORTH YOUTH PROJECT

Ms Lynda Brookes, Knebworth Youth Project, thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to address the Committee and gave a verbal presentation in support of their application for grant funding.

The Chairman thanked Ms Brookes for her presentation.

11 GRANT APPLICATION - CODICOTE FOOTBALL CLUB

RESOLVED: That grant funding of £1,250 be awarded to Codicote Football Club from the 2017/18 Discretionary Budget towards the costs associated with the purchase of equipment requires to maintain the pitches..

REASON FOR DECISION: To improve services provided by local organisations and groups which are accessed by the community.

12 GRANT APPLICATION - KNEBORTH YOUTH PROJECT

RESOLVED: That total grant funding of £1,350 be awarded to Knebworth Youth Project towards the cost of providing weekly activities and volunteer training to be taken from the following budgets:

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| 2017/18 Ward Budget – Councillor Hemingway | £500 |
| 2016/17 Ward Budget – Councillor Deakin-Davies | £500 |
| 2017/18 Discretionary Budget | £350 |

REASON FOR DECISION: To improve services provided by local organisations and groups which are accessed by the community.