

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

**Meeting of the Baldock and District Committee held in the
Baldock community Centre, Simpson Drive, Baldock
on Monday, 4th December, 2017 at 7.30 pm**

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Janine Paterson (Vice-Chairman) and Valentine Shanley.

2 MINUTES - 4 SEPTEMBER 2017

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Baldock and District Committee meeting held on 4 September 2017 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman.

3 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business notified.

4 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (1) The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, including the public speakers and Julie Barker from the Environment Agency and Alessandro Marsili from Affinity Water.
- (2) The Chairman advised that, in accordance with Council Policy, the meeting would be audio recorded; and
- (3) The Chairman drew attention to the item on the agenda front pages regarding Declarations of Interest and reminded Members that, in line with the Code of Conduct, any Declarations of Interest needed to be declared immediately prior to the item in question.

5 PRESENTATION FROM THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

Ms Julie Barker (Environment Agency), assisted by Mr Alessandro Marsili (Affinity Water), gave a presentation regarding water levels in the River Ivel.

The Chairman thanked the Environment Agency and Affinity Water representatives for their presentation and attendance at the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the representatives from the Environment Agency and Affinity Water be thanked for their presentation.

REASON FOR DECISION: To keep Members of the Committee abreast of water level issues on the River Ivel and Ivel Springs.

6 GREEN SPACE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY - PROGRESS: INFORMATION NOTE

RESOLVED: That the Parks and Countryside Manager be requested to write to Committee Members with further details on progress in respect of the Business Case for Bakers Road pavilion and any expressions of interest by community groups to take over the Ivel Road play area.

REASON FOR DECISION: To comment on the Green Space Management Strategy Information Note.

7 BALDOCK COMMUNITY EVENTS

Councillor Jim McNally gave a verbal presentation regarding Baldock Community Events.

8 GRANTS AND COMMUNITY UPDATE

RESOLVED: That the actions taken by the Community Development Officer to promote greater community capacity and well-being for Royston and District be endorsed.

REASON FOR DECISION: To keep Members of the Committee apprised of the latest developments in community activities in the Baldock and District area.

9 WARD MATTERS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS - MEMBERS' REPORTS

The Chairman advised that he had committed the entirety of his £90,000 Hertfordshire County Council Highways Localities Budget for 2017/18. A number of projects were still to be completed. He had also committed about £50,000 of his 2018/19 Budget. He invited Members to approach him with suggestions for any further schemes.

Councillor Steve Jarvis reported that he had also spent all of his 2017/18 Hertfordshire County Council Highways Localities Budget. He was in the process of putting together his planned schemes for 2018/19.

10 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - BALDOCK BOWLS CLUB

Mr Spencer Dean and Mr Brian Leadley gave a verbal presentation regarding an application from Baldock Bowls Club.

The Chairman thanked Mr Dean and Mr Leadley for their presentation.

11 GRANT APPLICATION - BALDOCK BOWLS CLUB

RESOLVED: That grant funding of £1,500 be awarded to Baldock Bowls Club taken in proportionate shares from the Baldock Town, Weston & Sandon and (subject to the subsequent agreement of the respective ward councillors) Arbury and Baldock East Ward Budgets, to assist with the costs of running a bowling programme with students from Knights Templar School over a three year period commencing in Spring/Summer 2018.

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