

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

**Meeting of the Baldock and District Committee held in the
Baldock Community Centre, Simpson Drive, Baldock
on Monday, 5th March, 2018 at 7.30 pm**

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2 MINUTES - 4 DECEMBER 2017

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Baldock and District Committee Meeting held on 4 December 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, particularly Sergeant Alan Clarke from Hertfordshire Constabulary and those making presentations to the committee;
- (2) The Chairman advised that, in accordance with Council Policy, the meeting would be audio recorded;
- (3) The Chairman drew attention to the item on the agenda front page 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 HERTFORDSHIRE CONSTABULARY

Sergeant Alan Clarke (Hertfordshire Constabulary) thanked the Chairman very much for the opportunity to address the Committee.

The Chairman thanked Sergeant Clarke very much for his presence, and very informative presentation. Sergeant Clarke was also thanked for all of the work he and his team had undertaken for the Baldock and District area.

6 BALDOCK COMMUNITY EVENTS

Councillor Jim McNally updated the Committee on the recently held in Baldock.

7 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.

8 WARD MATTERS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS - MEMBERS' REPORTS

The Chairman informed the Committee that road re-surfacing to the South end of Baldock High Street was the only outstanding item remaining in 2017/18 fund allocation. He confirmed that the re-surfacing would be carried out before the close of that financial year.

The Chairman reported he had allocated £60,000, being two thirds of the county council budget. He added that the remainder of the money would be allocated upon receiving confirmation of the cost of a Zebra Crossing in South Road near Monkhill Lane. The Chairman further reported there had been approximately 12 roads within Clothall Common that would be micro surfaced, (a thin layer of tar that sealed and would protect road against bad weather). He stated that the process gave a further life span of between 5 to 10 years before repairs would once again be required.

It was agreed by the Committee that any remainder of unallocated funds be used for town centre enhancements.

9 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - WALLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Mr Paul Morris thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to address the Committee and gave a verbal presentation regarding the grant funding application for Wallington Village Hall.

The Chairman thanked Mr Morris for his application.

10 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - WESTON CRICKET CLUB

Mr William Pugh thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to address the Committee and gave a verbal presentation regarding the grant funding application for Weston Cricket Club.

The Chairman thanked Mr Pugh for his presentation.

11 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - SANDON STROLLERS CRICKET CLUB

Mr David Green thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to address the Committee and gave a verbal presentation regarding the grant funding application for Sandon Strollers Cricket Club.

The Chairman thanked Mr Green for his presentation.

12 GRANT APPLICATION - WALLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

RESOLVED: That grant funding of £500 be awarded to Wallington Village Hall, (split £445 from Weston and Sandon, and £55 from Baldock Town) to assist with the purchase of additional bark chippings for the play area at Wallington Village Hall.

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

13 GRANT APPLICATION - WESTON CRICKET CLUB

RESOLVED: That grant funding of £1,500 be awarded to Weston Cricket Club, (split £1,000 from Weston and Sandon, £300 from Baldock Town, £90 from Baldock East and £110 from Arbury to assist with the purchase of a lawn mower to allow for the better maintenance of the pitch at Weston Cricket Club.

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

14 GRANT APPLICATION - SANDON STROLLERS CRICKET CLUB

RESOLVED: That grant funding of £500 be awarded to Sandon Strollers Cricket Club, (split £433 from Weston and Sandon, and £67 from Baldock Town) to assist with the purchase of a new bowling machine, a lawn mower for the cricket table and also to connect a water supply to the cricket table.

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

15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - BALDOCK COMMUNITY FORUM CIC

Prior to the item being discussed, Councillor Jim McNally declared a declarable interest. He explained that he was the director of Baldock Community Forum CIC. He advised that he would move to the public area of the meeting room, answer any questions and then leave before the debate and vote on the item, (as per paragraph 7.3 of the current Code of Conduct)

At this point Councillor McNally moved to the public area of the meeting room.

It was explained to the Baldock Area Committee by the Communities Officer that Baldock Events Forum was set up in May 2017 to continue the events previously carried out by the Baldock Town Partnership.

The Communities Officer who reported on the Baldock Community Forum was thanked by the Chairman.

16 GRANT APPLICATION - BALDOCK COMMUNITY FORUM CIC

Prior to the item being discussed, Councillor Jim McNally had declared a declarable interest and at that point he left the room.

RESOLVED: That grant funding of £2,000, (split £1,520 from Baldock Town and £480 from Baldock East) be awarded to Baldock Community Forum CIC, to assist with the purchase of essential equipment to enable them to carry out their annual calendar of events.

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