

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

Meeting of the Southern Rural Committee held in the First Floor Rooms 2/3,
Council Offices. Gernon Road, Letchworth Garden City
on Thursday, 14th June, 2018 at 7.30 pm

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Faye Frost, Harry Spencer-Smith and Terry Tyler.

2 MINUTES - 8 MARCH 2018

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 8 March 2018 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman.

3 MINUTES - 17 MAY 2018

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 17 May 2018 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman.

4 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business notified.

5 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (1) The Chairman welcomed those present at the meeting, especially those who had attended to give a presentation;
- (2) The Chairman thanked Councillor Barnard for his Chairmanship of this Committee last year and congratulated him on becoming Executive Member for Leisure and Green Issues;
- (3) The Chairman thanked those who were no longer members of this Committee, Jane Gray and Steve Hemingway;
- (4) The Chairman welcomed new Members of the Committee, Councillors Lisa Nash and Ian Moody;
- (5) The Chairman advised that, in accordance with Council Policy, the meeting would be audio recorded;
- (6) 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.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - CODICOTE VILLAGE DAY

Mr Colin Argent and Mr Charlie Unwin thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to address the Committee in support of their grant application.

The Chairman thanked Mr Argent and Mr Unwin for their presentation.

7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - ICKLEFORD CRICKET CLUB

Mr Roy Izzard, Ickleford Cricket Club and Parish Councillor Yvonne Hart, Ickleford Parish Council thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to address the Committee and gave a verbal presentation in support of the grant application submitted by Ickleford Cricket Club.

The Chairman thanked Mr Izzard and Mrs Hart for their presentation.

8 WASTE AND RECYCLING CONTRACT

The Chairman informed Members that Councillor Weeks had offered his apologies that he was unable to attend this meeting due to another engagement.

9 GRANTS AND COMMUNITY UPDATE

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the £500 carried forward from former Councillor Gray's 2017/18 Ward Budget, allocated in principal to John Clements Centre, be reallocated to the Discretionary Budget;
- (2) That the Senior Communities Officer be requested to discuss Area Committee budgets with newly elected Councillors;
- (3) That the budgetary expenditure, balances and carry forwards within the Area Committee Development Budget spreadsheet be noted;
- (4) That the actions taken by the Senior Communities Officer to promote greater community capacity and well-being in the Southern Rural Area be endorsed.

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.

10 GRANT APPLICATION - CODICOTE VILLAGE DAY

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the Senior Communities Officer be requested to liaise with the Development and Conservation Manager in order to ascertain whether Section 106 funding could be allocated to Codicote Village day for the purchase of replacement marquees by 23 June 2018;
- (2) That, should Section 106 funding not being available by 23 June 2018, grant funding of £1,500 be awarded to Codicote Village Day from the 2017/18 Discretionary Budget towards the cost of replacing their small and large marquees.

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

11 GRANT APPLICATION - ICKLEFORD CRICKET CLUB

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the Senior Communities Officer be requested to support Ickleford Cricket Club to apply to Dipps for a defibrillator and ongoing maintenance;

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- (2) That, should Dipps be unable to provide defibrillator equipment and ongoing maintenance, grant funding of £1,786 be awarded to Ickleford Cricket Club from the 2017/18 Discretionary Budget towards the cost of purchasing a defibrillator.

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

12 SECTION 106 AND UNILATERAL UNDERTAKINGS

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the contents of the report entitled Section 106 and Unilateral Undertakings be noted;
- (2) That the Development and Conservation Manager be requested to continue to present a report regarding Section 106 and Unilateral Undertakings to this Committee on an annual basis;
- (3) That, other than where a contribution has been negotiated for a specific purpose or project, Ward Members of the area where Section 106 or Unilateral Undertaking funding is generated and the Area Committee be consulted prior to funding being allocated away from that area or from a village location to a town.

REASON FOR DECISION:

- (1) To ensure that there is a robust system for negotiating and managing Section 106 and Unilateral Undertakings;
- (2) To ensure that this is kept under constant review and that the risk associated with this activity is managed in an appropriate manner.

13 WARD MATTERS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS - MEMBERS' REPORTS

Members gave verbal reports regarding the following:

- Arts Council North Herts;
- East and North Herts NHS Trust - Involvement Committee;
- Knebworth Village Trust;
- Hertfordshire Health Scrutiny Committee;
- Planning Matters;
- London Luton Airport;
- County Council Matters.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Henry be requested to make a brief presentation regarding Citizens Advice North Herts.

REASON FOR DECISION: To keep the Southern Rural Committee apprised of matters relating to wards in the area and Outside Organisations.