

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

Meeting of the Letchworth Committee held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices,
Gernon Road, Letchworth Garden City
on Wednesday, 19th June, 2019 at 7.30 pm

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mike Rice and Deepak Sangha.

2 MINUTES - 5 DECEMBER 2018

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 5 December 2018 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman.

3 MINUTES - 6 MARCH 2019

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 6 March 2019 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman.

4 MINUTES - 21 MAY 2019

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 21 May 2019 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman.

5 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business notified.

6 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (1) The Chairman thanked those who attended Town Talk and welcomed those who were speaking at Public Participation;
- (2) The Chairman thanked those who were no longer Members of this Committee, former Councillors Julian Cunningham, Paul Marment and Lynda Needham;
- (3) The Chairman welcomed Councillors Morgan Derbyshire, Sean Predergast and Adem Ruggerio-Cakir who were new to the Committee;
- (4) The Chairman advised that, in accordance with Council policy this meeting was being audio recorded. Members of the public and the press may use their devices to film/photograph, or do a sound recording of the meeting. Please do not use flash and disable any sound notifications that may emit from your device;
- (5) 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, wishing to exercise a 'Councillor Speaking Right', must declare this at the same time as the interest, move to the public area before speaking to the item and then must leave the room before the debate and vote.

7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - KIP EDUCATION

Ms Charlotte Gordon, KIP Education, thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to address the Committee and gave a verbal presentation regarding their grant application.

8 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - SMALL ACTS OF KINDNESS

Mr Chris Hamill, Small Acts of Kindness, thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to address the Committee and gave a verbal presentation regarding their application for grant funding.

9 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - PLINSTON HALL

Mr Oren Boder thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to address the Committee and gave a verbal presentation regarding his vision for Plinston Hall.

10 LETCHWORTH TOWN CENTRE BID MANAGER

Mr Chris Wilson, Letchworth Garden City BID Manager, thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to address the Committee and gave a verbal presentation regarding the issues and activities in Letchworth Town Centre.

11 GRANTS AND COMMUNITY UPDATE

RESOLVED: That the Committee endorses the actions taken by the Community Engagement officer to promote greater community capacity and well-being for Letchworth.

REASON FOR DECISION: To keep Members of the Committee apprised of the latest developments in community activities in Letchworth.

12 GRANT APPLICATION - KIP EDUCATION

RESOLVED: That grant funding of £1,200 be awarded to Kip Education CIC to cover the cost of providing workshops in secondary schools regarding awareness of gangs and knife crime.

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

13 GRANT APPLICATION - SMALL ACTS OF KINDNESS

RESOLVED:

- (1) That, subject to (2) below, grant funding of £3,600 be awarded to Small Acts of Kindness towards the care packages for socially isolated frail elderly in Letchworth;
- (2) That in respect of (1) above £1,800 be made available to Small Acts of Kindness as soon as possible and £1,800 be paid to the organisation in June 2020.

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

14 INFORMATION NOTE - CHRISTMAS TREES IN LETCHWORTH

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the information note on Christmas Trees in Letchworth be noted;
- (2) That the comments contained in the Minute above be considered by the Service Director – Resources when considering future provision of Christmas Trees in Letchworth.

REASON FOR DECISION: To ensure that future provision of Christmas trees in Letchworth best benefits the residents and town centre of Letchworth Garden City.

15 WARD MATTERS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS - MEMBERS' REPORTS

Members gave updates on the following matters:

- Memorial to the Late Peter Underwood– Councillor Ian Mantle;
- Health Hub– Councillor Gary Grindal;
- Plastics Recycling– Councillor David Levett;
- Letchworth Multi Storey Car Park – Councillor Daniel Allen;
- Access to Meetings– Councillor Terry Hone.