

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

Meeting of the Royston and District Committee held in the Room 11, Royston Town Hall,
Melbourn Street, Royston on Wednesday, 3rd July, 2019 at 7.30 pm

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Jean Green.

2 MINUTES - 12 SEPTEMBER 2018

Members discussed the Minutes of the meeting and felt that they were not as accurate as they would have liked.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 12 September 2018 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman at the next Meeting of Royston and District Committee.

3 MINUTES - 28 NOVEMBER 2018

Members discussed the Minutes of the meeting and felt that they were not as accurate as they would have liked.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 28 November 2018 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman at the next Meeting of Royston and District Committee.

4 MINUTES - 13 MARCH 2019

Members discussed the Minutes of the meeting and felt that they were not as accurate as they would have liked.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 13 March 2019 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman at the next Meeting of Royston and District Committee.

5 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.

6 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business notified.

7 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 those who were no longer Members of that Committee – Councillor Sarah Dingley;

(3) The Chairman welcomed Councillor Carol Stanier who was new to the Committee

- (4) The Chairman advised that, in accordance with Council Policy, the meeting would be audio recorded; and
- (5) 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.

8 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HOME-START ROYSTON & SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Amanda Hourmand thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to address the Committee and gave a verbal presentation regarding the grant funding application for Home-Start Royston.

a) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - SMALL ACTS OF KINDNESS

Lynne Misner thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to address the Committee and gave a verbal presentation regarding the grant funding application for Small Acts of Kindness.

b) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - ROTARY CLUB OF ROYSTON

Brian Whittaker thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to address the Committee and gave a verbal presentation regarding the grant funding application for the Rotary Club of Royston.

9 ANNUAL UPDATE ON S106 OBLIGATIONS FOR ROYSTON AND DISTRICT

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the contents of the report titled Section 106 and Unilateral Undertakings be noted;
- (2) That a report shall continue to be presented to this Committee on an annual basis; and
- (3) That, other than where a contribution had been negotiated for a specific purpose or project, Ward Members of the area where the Section 106 Obligation or Unilateral Undertaking funding was generated and the Area Committee be consulted prior to funding being allocated away from that area or a village location to a town. Members noted that the discretionary funds were rapidly diminishing and would not be replaced under current legislation and practice, as was set out in the report.

REASON FOR DECISION: To ensure that there is a robust system for negotiating and managing Section 106 and Unilateral Undertakings, and to ensure that this was kept under constant review in order that this activity is managed in an appropriate manner.

10 GRANTS & COMMUNITY UPDATE

RESOLVED:

- (1) That any unspent funds from the 2018/19 financial year be allocated to community initiatives; and
- (2) 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 Royston and District area.

a) **GRANT APPLICATION - HOME-START ROYSTON & SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE**

RESOLVED: That Grant Funding of £1,050 was awarded to Home-Start Royston & South Cambridge to provide support through the home visiting service to one vulnerable family in the Royston area for the duration of a year.

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

b) **GRANT APPLICATION - SMALL ACTS OF KINDNESS**

RESOLVED: That Grant Funding of £700 was awarded to Small Acts of Kindness to assist with the purchase and distribution of "Warm In Winter" bags to older vulnerable people within the community.

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

c) **GRANT APPLICATION - ROTARY CLUB OF ROYSTON**

RESOLVED: That Grant Funding of £1,000 was awarded to The Rotary Club of Royston to assist with publicity, transport and room hire costs in connection with running the annual Youth Makes Music Concert and the monthly Royston Rotary Memory Café.

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

11 HIGHWAYS ISSUES

The Chairman welcomed County Councillor Fiona Hill who updated the Committee on several Highways Issues.

a) **THE MELBOURN GREENWAY CONSULTATION - GREATER CAMBRIDGE PARTNERSHIP**

The Committee collectively completed a questionnaire in respect of The Melbourn Greenway Consultation – Greater Cambridge Partnership.

12 WARD MATTERS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS - MEMBERS' REPORTS

A number of ward matters were raised by Members, including:

Planning Application – Reporting to Councillors
Town Twinning
Royston's Christmas Tree

The Chairman stated that the next Royston and District Committee Meeting would be held on Wednesday 9 October 2019.

The Chairman informed the Committee that the next Royston Surgery would be held at Angel Pavement on Saturday 6 July 2019.

The meeting closed at 9.16pm.