

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

Meeting of the Southern Rural Committee held as a Virtual Meeting
on Thursday, 25th June, 2020 at 7.30 pm

1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The Committee, Member and Scrutiny Manager welcomed everyone to this virtual Southern Rural Committee that it is being conducted with Members and Officers at various locations, communicating via audio/video and online.

She then gave guidance regarding the following:

- Attendance;
- Live Streaming;
- Noise interference;
- Rules of Debate;
- Voting.

2 ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR THE CIVIC YEAR 2020/21

RESOLVED: That Councillor Claire Strong be appointed Chair of the Southern Rural Committee for the Civic Year 2020/21.

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Sam North.

4 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR FOR THE CIVIC YEAR 2020/21

RESOLVED: That Councillor Faye Frost be appointed Vice-Chair of the Southern Rural Committee for the Civic Year 2020/21.

5 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business notified.

6 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (1) The Chair welcomed those present. particularly speakers at Public Participation;
- (2) The Chair advised that, in accordance with Council policy this meeting was being audio recorded as well as filmed. The audio recordings would be available to view on Mod.gov and the film recording via the NHDC YouTube channel.
- (3) Members were reminded to make declarations of interest before an item, the detailed reminder about this and speaking rights is set out under Chair's Announcements on the agenda.

7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - YOUNG PEOPLE'S PUPPET THEATRE

Ms Caitlin Duschenes, Young People's Puppet Theatre, thanked the Chair for the opportunity to address the Committee in support of their grant application.

The Chair thanked Ms Duschenes for her presentation.

8 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - OFFLEY RECREATION AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Mr Trevor Ward, Offley Recreation and Community Centre thanked the Chair for the opportunity to address the Committee in support of their grant application.

The Chair thanked Mr Ward for his presentation.

9 GRANTS AND COMMUNITY UPDATE

RESOLVED: That the actions taken by the Community Officer to promote greater community capacity and well-being for the Southern Rural Area be endorsed.

REASON FOR DECISION: To ensure the Committee is kept informed of the work of the Community Engagement Team.

10 GRANT APPLICATION - YOUNG PEOPLE'S PUPPET THEATRE

RESOLVED: That grant funding of £1,533 be awarded to the Young People's Puppet Theatre towards a project based at Breachwood Green JMI in King's Walden as outlined in Paragraph 8.1.1 of the report.

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

11 GRANT APPLICATION - OFFLEY RECREATION AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

RESOLVED: That grant funding of £ £2,000 be awarded to Offley Recreation and Community Centre towards the purchase of a commercial standard lawn mower as outlined in Paragraph 8.1.2 of the report.

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

12 WARD MATTERS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS - MEMBERS' REPORTS

The following issues were discussed:

- Parish Council Meetings during lockdown;
- Flytipping;
- Drug dealing activity;
- 2020 Year of Culture.