

# **NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

## **DECISION SHEET**

**Meeting of the Baldock and District Committee held as a Virtual Meeting  
on Monday, 22nd June, 2020 at 7.30 pm**

### **1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

The Committee, Member and Scrutiny Officer opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the virtual Baldock and District Committee meeting that was being conducted with Members and Officers at various locations, communicating via audio/video and online and advised that there was the opportunity for the public and press to listen and view proceedings.

The Committee, Member and Scrutiny Officer gave advice regarding the following:

- Attendance;
- Virtual Meeting;
- Noise Interference;
- Rules of Debate;
- Voting.

### **2 ELECTION OF A CHAIR OF BALDOCK AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE FOR THE CIVIC YEAR 2020/21**

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor Michael Weeks be elected Chair of Baldock and District Committee for the Civic Year 2020/21.

### **3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

### **4 ELECTION OF A VICE-CHAIR FOR THE BALDOCK AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE FOR THE CIVIC YEAR 2020/21**

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor Jim McNally be elected Vice-Chair of the Baldock and District 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 at the meeting, especially those who had attended to give a presentation;
- (2) The Chair advised that, in accordance with Council Policy, the meeting would be audio recorded;
- (3) Members were reminded to make declarations of interest before an item, the longer reminder about this and speaking rights was set out under Chair's Announcements on the agenda.

## 7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ms Tara Geere and Mr Brent Copsey, Independent Baldock Beer Festival, thanked the Chair for the opportunity to address the Committee and gave a verbal presentation regarding their grant application.

## 8 GRANTS AND COMMUNITY UPDATE

**RESOLVED:** That the actions taken by the Community Engagement Officer to promote greater community capacity and well-being for Baldock be endorsed.

### **REASONS FOR DECISION:**

- (1) To ensure the Committee is kept informed of the work of the Community Engagement Officer;
- (2) This report is intended to inform Members of the financial resources available to the Committee. It draws attention to the current budgetary situation by assisting in the effective financial management of the Area Committee's budget. This ensures that all actions are performed in line with the Authority's Financial Regulations, the Council's Constitution, and the guidance of the existing Grants policy as agreed by Cabinet in January 2020;
- (3) The awarding of financial assistance to voluntary organisations and the use of discretionary spending allows the Committee to further the aims of the Council Plan.

## 9 GRANT APPLICATION - INDEPENDENT BALDOCK BEER FESTIVAL

**RESOLVED:** That grant funding of £1,000 be awarded to the Independent Baldock Beer Festival to assist towards the cost of purchasing a storage unit for storing equipment at Brandles School.

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

## 10 WARD MATTERS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS - MEMBERS' REPORTS

Members discussed the impact that the coronavirus pandemic had had on Baldock and the surrounding villages as well the cancellation of various events owing to Covid-19.

Members were informed about the variety of groups that had been set up to support people during the pandemic.

## 11 POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The Chair requested that the following items be brought to the next meeting of the Baldock and District Committee:

- An update from Affinity Water on Ivel Spring.