

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

BALDOCK AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE

**MEETING HELD IN THE BALDOCK COMMUNITY CENTRE, SIMPSON DRIVE, BALDOCK
ON MONDAY, 24TH JUNE, 2019 AT 7.30 PM**

MINUTES

Present: *Councillors Councillor Valentine Shanley (Chairman), Councillor Michael Weeks (Vice-Chairman), Steve Jarvis, Jim McNally, Michael Muir and Tom Tyson*

In Attendance: *Ashley Hawkins (Community Engagement Officer) and Amelia McNally (Committee, Member and Scrutiny Officer)*

Also Present: *At the commencement of the meeting approximately 6 members of the public, including registered speakers.*

4 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Audio Recording – Start of item – 13 Seconds

Councillor Val Shanley, the newly elected Chairman welcomed everyone present at, what was, the first meeting of Baldock and District Committee in the new Civic Year. Members introduced themselves.

There were no apologies received for absence.

5 MINUTES - 3 SEPTEMBER 2018

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 3 September 2018 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman.

6 MINUTES - 3 DECEMBER 2018

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 3 December 2018 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman.

7 MINUTES - 4 MARCH 2019

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 4 March 2019 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman.

8 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.

9 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business notified.

10 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Audio Recording – Start of Item – 2 Minutes, 37 Seconds

- (1) The Chairman welcomed those present at the meeting, especially those who had attended to give a presentation;
- (2) The Chairman thanked Councillor Janine Paterson, who was no longer a Member of that Committee, for all of hard work;
- (3) The Chairman welcomed Councillor Tom Tyson who was a new Member of the Committee;
- (4) The Chairman advised that, in accordance with Council Policy, the meeting would be audio recorded and that Members of the public and the press may use their devices to fil/photograph, or do a sound recording of the meeting, but to let him know if they were in order to inform all present; 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.

11 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - BYGRAVE BELL RINGERS

Audio Recording – Start of Item – 5 Minutes, 48 Seconds

Richard Wheen and Sue Luckett thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to address the Committee and gave a verbal presentation regarding the grant funding application for Bygrave Bell Ringers as follows:

- Seeking a grant award of £700 to assist with the purchase of four new hand bells, which would allow the group to recruit new members.
- Bygrave Hand Bell Ringers had been operating for 20 years.
- The group currently had 11 members and was managed by a small committee consisting of a Chairman, Secretary/Treasurer and a Musical Director.
- Bygrave Bell Ringers provided enjoyment for many in the locality including performances at village fairs, old peoples' homes, churches, The Women's Institute, Baldock Festival, Ashwell Festival and many more.
- The group did not charge for public performances, however accepted voluntary donations which was shared between various local charities.
- Members of the group paid £2 / week subscriptions

In order to assist with becoming a little more self-sufficient Councillor Tom Tyson suggested that perhaps Bygrave Bell Ringers, going forward, saved some of the subs received, rather than donate all to charity.

All of the Members of Baldock and District Committee asked questions of Bygrave Bell Ringers and contributed to the debate of the application for grant funding.

The Chairman thanked Richard Wheen and Sue Lockett for their presentation.

12 GRANTS AND COMMUNITY UPDATE

Audio Recording – Start Time – 26 Minutes, 48 Seconds

Following the corporate wide restructure of the District Council, The Community Development Officer updated the Committee on the Policy and Community Engagement Team Restructure.

Councillor Jim McNally and Ashley Hawkins (Community Development Officer) updated the Committee on recently held, and forthcoming Baldock Community Events as follows:

Baldock Beast – A very successful 7th year of the race had taken place on Sunday 24 February 2019, supported by over 450 runners.

The Baldock Events Forum

Continued to provide support to the Baldock Events Forum with the planning for their events in 2019. This had included support with:

- (1) The Big Lunch – had taken place on 2 June 2019, 250 people dining alfresco in Baldock High Street with lots of wonderful entertainment – the weather was very good – a very popular and successful event; and
- (2) The Baldock Cycle Challenge – which would take place on 14 July 2019.
- (3) Black and Gold Summer Ball – Planned date – 16 November 2019 to be held in St Mary's Church

Councillor McNally thanked both Councillors Val Shanley and Michael Weeks for the enormous amount of help and support.

The Community Development Officer was thanked for all of his hard work, in not only assisting with the organising of some of the events, but providing both marshalling and event support at all proceedings.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That any unspent funds from the 2018/19 financial year be allocated to Community Initiatives;
- (2) That the grant funding of £700 be awarded to Bygrave Bell Ringers to support the purchase of 4 new hand bells. This would be split as follows:-

Baldock Town:	£250
Baldock East:	£100
Weston & Sandon	£50
Arbury:	£300

- (3) That the actions taken by the Community Development Officer to promote greater community capacity and well-being for Baldock and District area.

REASON FOR DECISION: To keep Members of the Committee apprised of the latest developments in community activities in the Baldock and District area.

13 WARD MATTERS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS - MEMBERS' REPORTS

There were no ward matters raised by Members.

The meeting closed at 8.12 pm

Chairman