

Minutes of a meeting of the **COMMUNITY & PARTNERSHIPS COMMITTEE** of Coleshill Town Council held in the Old Courtroom on Wednesday 6 October 2021.

PRESENT: Councillor Richardson in the Chair
Councillors: Axe, Battle, Clayton and Hayfield
Also present: Cllr. C Symonds and Wallace

25 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllr. Battle.

26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

27 PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of 27 July were proposed by Cllr. Hayfield, seconded by Cllr. Clayton and **AGREED** for accuracy, unanimously.

28 WELCOME BACK FUND

The Welcome Back Fund programme was discussed and it agreed with the working group decision that the Wednesday Markets **were to cease at the end of October**. Saturday markets were to continue for the term of the project as these were proving successful. Cllr. Axe wondered if the Friday 'Country Markets' that were presently held in the Parish Room and were well-established and supported, could be considered for this some of these monies.

Members noted the mid-term review report and felt that they would take time to discuss this further within themselves to decide how best to use any outstanding monies, in due course.

29 HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 2022

The 2021 event was held with a small budget agreed. Members discussed the involvement on 27 January 2022 (a Thursday) and agreed that any remaining budget monies from last year could be used/carried forward for 2022. The Mayor and C&P Chairman were both supportive of this event and it was discussed and proposed by Cllr. Hayfield, seconded by Cllr. Axe and agreed unanimously, that the **Town Clerk** should write to the Coleshill School to request as to whether the school were marking this event, and if so, could the mayor support its efforts.

30 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION

Members discussed the need to make plans for this special event and it was proposed that Cllr. S Wallace, with all her experience and the Mayor, Cllr. C. Symonds would discuss options and plan this event together. Cllr. Wallace suggested involving all the local schools and other groups like Scouts, Cubs and Brownies, who could be offered a 'decade each' of the Queen's reign to research and display an exhibition to celebrate the life and journey of our sovereign. The display could be held in the Town Hall during the anniversary weekend. Another idea provided was to ask /invite the Coleshill Town Band to do a Celebration Concert during the Jubilee weekend.

Whilst the Daisy Belles had a deposit collected (for VE Day) and were available for Friday 3 June, members expressed concerned that the Daisy Belles fundamentally represented the war years and did not reflect the full span of the Queen's role, so would not be appropriate for the Platinum Jubilee.

Members felt that it was too early to recommend a budget, until a clear plan of activities /events were agreed.

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously that **Mayor** and **Cllr. Wallace** would organise a plan of options and the **Mayor** would contact the schools directly herself. This had been proposed by Cllr. Hayfield and seconded by Cllr. Clayton.

31 ART CHALLENGE

The Local Enterprise Partnership and the Towns Network of the County Council were working together to develop eight locations for an Art Challenge Project. The artistic agency, the Creative Giants, was engaged to register a number of creative sculpture artists. The selection panel has appointed Parveer Braich (trading as Eksait Studio) for the Coleshill site in Cole End Park.

After discussion and an update on recent developments received from Audrey Brown at WCC, members agreed to note the report and requested an action from the **Town Clerk** to write to the County expressing two specific concerns that they feel need reiterating and readdressing:

1. Members wished to advise that whilst they trust the project managers, they were concerned that they need to be fully aware of the significant flooding that occurs in the specific area of the site structure.
2. Members wished to reiterate to the project managers that their view and recommendation was the Station Road site was a suitable and creative location.

32 COLESHILL COMMUNITY HUB MANAGEMENT

The Town Clerk had circulated a paper that suggested a Coleshill Hub Unity Group (CHUG) be formed. This was as a means of having a structure that returned some of those benefits of Trustee involvement while attempting to address members' concerns raised at full Town Council on 15 September.

The views of members were to make no changes at present and allow the Hub to continue in its current format, under the control of the Council. This was proposed by Cllr. Axe and seconded by Cllr. Hayfield and **AGREED** unanimously.

33 MATTERS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

None.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10 p.m.

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Chairman