

HOUGHTON REGIS TOWN COUNCIL

Peel Street, Houghton Regis, Bedfordshire, LU5 5EY

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8th November 2023

To: Members of the Community Services Committee

Cllrs: Y Farrell (Chair), N Batchelor, E Billington, P Burgess, T McMahon, C

Rollins, A Slough

(Copies to other Councillors for information)

Notice of Meeting

You are hereby summoned to a Meeting of the Community Services Committee to be held at the Council Offices, Peel Street on Monday 13th November 2023 at 7.00pm.

Members of the public who wish to attend the meeting may do so in person or remotely through the meeting link below.

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Clare Evans

THIS MEETING MAY BE RECORDED *

Town Clerk

Agenda

1. APOLOGIES & SUBSTITUTIONS

2. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

In accordance with approved Standing Orders 1(e)-1(l) Members of the public may make representations, ask questions and give evidence at a meeting which they are entitled to attend in respect of the business on the agenda.

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The total period of time designated for public participation at a meeting shall not exceed 15 minutes and an individual member of the public shall not speak for more than 3 minutes unless directed by the chairman of the meeting.

3. SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Under the Localism Act 2011 (sections 26-37 and Schedule 4) and in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, Members are required to declare any interests which are not currently entered in the member's register of interests or if he/she has not notified the Monitoring Officer of any such interest.

Members are invited to submit any requests for Dispensations for consideration.

4. REPORT FROM GROUNDWORK

A representative from Groundwork will be attending the meeting to provide a verbal update/report on the youth work Groundwork has recently completed in Houghton Regis on behalf of Central Bedfordshire Council.

This update is provided for information purposes only.

5. YOUTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE

Pages 5-8

To update Members on the recent activities of the youth and community services.

This report is provided for information purposes only.

6. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING WORKING GROUPS AND CONSIDER ANY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN

Pages 9-32

Events Working Group 8th June, 6th July and 24th August.

Combating Crime Working Group 21st June, 19th July, 16th August and 20th

September.

Recommendation: To receive the Minutes detailed above.

7. BT PAYPHONE ADOPTION

Pages 33-34

BT has identified a local public payphone as being no longer needed. BT is planning on removing the payphone at the Junction Windsor Drive, PCO1 Lowry Drive, Houghton Regis, Dunstable, LU5 5SJ-01582865310.

There is an opportunity for the Town Council to adopt the payphone and make it an asset that local people can use.

Recommendation: To consider and endorse that the Town Council makes a

request to adopt the payphone at the Junction Windsor Drive, PCO1 Lowry Drive, Houghton Regis, Dunstable, LU5 5SJ –

01582865310, for use as a community asset.

8. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

Pages 35-40

Members will find attached the income and expenditure report, highlighting significant variances, for the Community Services Committee to date.

This report is provided for information purposes only.

9. THE MILLION HOURS FUND

This funding is for organisations to give extra support to young people in areas where they may be at risk of anti-social behaviour. The fund can be used for extra hours of youth work for additional activities that give these young people more places to go and positive things to do.

This programme is funded by the Department of Culture Media and Sport (DCMS) and The National Lottery Community Fund.

The fund is aimed at working with young people aged:

- 11 to 18
- up to 25 if they have special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)

The Town Council is an eligible organisation, and the old Central Bedfordshire Houghton Hall ward is an eligible area for the fund.

Recommendation: To consider and endorse that a suitable application be made to The Million Hours Fund to enhance the youth provision in the old Central Bedfordshire Houghton Hall ward.

10. PARKSIDE RECREATION GROUND PAVILION (REMODELLING FEASIBILITY) OR PARKSIDE COMMUNITY HUB UPDATE

At its meeting held on the 2nd of October, the Town Council was presented with the considerations of the Community Services Committee from the 17th of July 2023. The following recommendations have been resolved (minute item 12571):

- 1. To advise the Community Services Committee that Town Council considered their resolution put forward from its meeting on 21st July but, on balance, felt that Town Council corporate plan process should be concluded and the supporting Town Council budget be considered and agreed prior to a consultation exercise being carried out with residents:
- 2. To encourage the Community Services Committee to consider an informal approach being made to potential stakeholders to gauge their interest and support for community hubs.

Therefore, this item will be brought back to the Community Services Committee for consideration after the Town Council corporate plan has been completed.

This update is provided for information purposes only.

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