



Rugeley Town Council

Minutes of the Community Engagement Committee held in the Council Chamber
at 6.30pm Wednesday 28th June 2023.

PRESENT: Councillors: C Green K Hart (Vice Chair)
I Hodgson (Chair) O Lyons
P Sparkes

ALSO PRESENT: S Bird – Development Manager
A Mantle – Administrative Officer

Min No	Item	Action
12	Election of Chair and Vice Chair Ian Hodgson was nominated for the position of Chair. <i>Proposed: Cllr Green; Seconded: Cllr Hodgson</i> The motion was agreed. Keeren Hart was nominated for the position of Vice Chair <i>Proposed: Cllr Green; Seconded: Cllr Hodgson</i> The motion was agreed.	
13 13.1	Apologies Apologies were received from Cllrs Cooney and Barkas	
14 14.1	Declarations of Interest Cllr Hodgson expressed a personal interest in item 21 and was given permission to talk on the item.	
15 15.1	To receive any requests for dispensation None	
16 16.1	Chair to close the meeting for the public session. A Cllr from Brereton and Ravenhill Parish Council was in attendance.	

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17	Chair to reopen meeting.	
18 18.1	Minutes The Minutes of the Community Engagement Committee held on 12 th April 2023 were approved as a true and accurate record. <i>Proposed: Cllr Green; Seconded: Cllr Hodgson</i> It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 12th April 2023 be approved.	
19 19.1	Actions Arising from the Minutes Dave Podmore was thanked for his work to arrange the Charter Fair.	
20 20.1	Income and Expenditure Report The Income and Expenditure Report for April and May 2023 were noted.	
21 21.1 21.2 21.3	Artisan Market Cllrs received a report on the Artisan Market. The current providers of the market stalls have pulled out and July market will be their last one. In general, the cost of buying in stalls from a company have risen by approx. 100% since we started the market 2 years ago. Locals are used to coming into the town on the first Saturday and footfall in town on market days has increased. Cllrs considered the options available to the council which included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • buying in ready-made stalls • ask stall holders to bring own gazebos until new stalls could be provided. <i>(Market stall holders have been asked if they would provide their own stalls and all but one have said that they would no longer come to Rugeley if they had to provide their own gazebos)</i> • getting a new company to come in to provide the service of stall provision on the first Saturdays. • It was noted that the market licence held with CCDC in Market Square has now stopped so discussions would take place with CCDC to see if they could help with an Artisan Market in Market Square. July's Artisan Market would be held in Market Square rather than Brook Square. It was agreed that more details were needed, and an extraordinary full council meeting would be needed to consider this asap.	An extraordinary meeting would take place when information was known.
22 22.1	Development Managers Report Cllrs received a report from the Development Manager. Thanks went to staff on the delivery of the Kings Coronation which had been well received.	
23 23.1	Date of Next Meeting Community Engagement Committee would be held on Wednesday 12 th July 2023	

The meeting closed at 7.00pm

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