



Rugeley Town Council

Minutes of the Community Engagement Committee held in the Council Chamber
at 7.30pm Wednesday 11th October 2023

PRESENT: Councillors: A Cooney C Barkas
 D Gaye K Hart (Vice Chair)
 I Hodgson (Chair) O Lyons
 P Sparkes

ALSO PRESENT: S Buxton – Town Clerk
 S Bird – Development and Theatre Director (part)

Min No	Item	Action
49 49.1	Apologies None	
50 50.1	Declarations of Interest Christmas Lighting – Cllrs Cooney, Gibson, Hart and Hodgson Mindfulness Garden – Cllr Cooney Business Survey – Cllrs Cooney, Gibson, Hart and Hodgson	
51 51.1	To receive any requests for dispensation Cllr Sparkes – dispensation for Hagley Sports Community <i>Proposed: Cllr Cooney; Seconded: Cllr Green</i> Agreed to grant this dispensation	
52 52.1	Chair closed the meeting for the public session. Dave Podmore addressed the meeting regarding the Charter Fair due to be held on 8 th June 2024. His key points were:- - Ideally on Hagley Park field if access can be sorted - He has spoken to Stokes re: funfair - Definite answers needed for the November meeting Cllr Sparkes will consider the use of Hagley Field for the next meeting	

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53	Chair reopened the meeting.	
54 54.1	Minutes Minutes of the Community Engagement Committee held on 13 th September 2023 <i>Proposed: Cllr Cooney; Seconded Cllr Hart</i> Agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 th September 2023 be approved as a true and correct record	
55 55.1	Matters Arising from the Minutes <u>Garden Guardians</u> A poor response has been received and more publicity is required, shared with councillors	
56 56.1	Development Managers Report Cllrs were in receipt of the report It was noted that the market continues to do well and the levelling up fund from CCDC had funded the coffee machine, pizza oven and cocktail machine with approximately £3,000 left towards Christmas. The business survey had had a poor result, but a 4% return is normal. Work continues in setting up a Town Team.	
57 57.1	Christmas Christmas arrangements were reviewed in detail Sam Bird left the meeting	
58 58.1	Mindfulness Garden It was noted that signs had been removed from the garden area, and a number of people had asked about contributing to their replacement. The trees in the garden are beautiful, but are now starting to reach the surrounding shops The trees need to be trimmed by SCC <i>Proposed: Cllr Cooney; Seconded: Cllr Hart</i> Agreed that SCC be asked to trim the trees	
59 59.1 59.2	Items for next meeting Charter Fair Rugeley Boardwalk	
60 60.1	Date of Next Meeting Community Engagement Committee would be held on Wednesday 18 th November 2023	

The meeting closed at 8.11pm

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