

Bourton-on-the-Water Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Youth & Wellbeing Committee held at 6pm on Monday 6th March 2023 in The Windrush Room, The George Moore Community Centre.

Those present: Cllr L Hicks (Chairman), Cllrs A Davis, B Hadley, J Wareing and B Wragge.

In Attendance: Julie Catlow (Committee Clerk and minute taker), Cllr L Launchbury attended as a non-committee member in a non-voting capacity.

Members of the public: 2 Community Support Officers, Cotswold District Council Community Wellbeing Team (Town and Parish Council Engagement and partnerships CSO, and Community outreach and support for vulnerable people CSO).

- 1) Apologies for absence: Cllr S Coventry, Member of the Youth Parliament for Cotswolds & Stroud.
- 2) Declarations of Interest: There were none.
- 3) To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Youth & Wellbeing Committee held on Monday 16th January 2023. APPROVED
- 4) Public Session: There were no further members of the public present.
- 5) Update on developments and projects by 2 members of CDC Community Wellbeing Team: An introduction to the team, details of the CDC Council Plan for Health and Wellbeing and an update on priorities, developments, and projects in which the Community Wellbeing Team is involved across the district. Some of the projects include a Crowdfunded Community Solar Energy Farm and collaborations with Dementia Friendly Communities and Cotswold Community Network. It was agreed by the committee that a public meeting (to include the Member of the Youth Parliament for Cotswolds & Stroud) should be arranged by CDC which will focus on their priorities and provide more detailed funding opportunities. The Committee Clerk to liaise with CDC to identify a date in June 2023 and book facilities as required.
- 6) Update from the Member of the Youth Parliament Cotswolds & Stroud: In the absence of the Member of the Youth Parliament Cotswolds & Stroud this agenda item was deferred to the next meeting on Monday 17th April 2023.
- 7) Matters Arising:
 - a) Rye Crescent lease: The Clerk has today received an update from CDC that final sign off has been received from Consultees on the Delegated Authority Report and that the CDC legal team have been instructed to proceed with the Transfer. A further update will be provided at the next meeting.
 - b) Bourton Vale Cricket Club Risk Assessment: To confirm the Risk Assessment has now been received.
 - c) Melville Play Area footpath repairs: Cllr Hicks updated the committee on proposals to improve the footpath following her meeting with Cllr Roberts on 25th January and confirmed that this project will be considered alongside other works scheduled in the Autumn. It was agreed that the Committee Clerk should in the meantime contact the Cotswold Wardens to ascertain if they are able to carry out some interim temporary remedial works.
 - d) Communication of Warm Spaces: Cllr Davis confirmed that Cotswold Gems have been contacted regarding how best to communicate offering a 'safe space' at The Lansdowne. As there is a nationwide Warm Spaces database, a CDC database and details are included on the Parish Council website it was agreed that a more joined up approach would be the most effective way to detail the information. Committee Clerk undertook to liaise with CDC regarding how best to achieve this.
 - e) Review of Play Areas maintenance actions with contractor: Cllr Hicks is not aware of any outstanding actions and therefore this agenda item was deferred to the next meeting.
 - f) Play Rangers: Regular article for the Browser: Cllr Hicks updated the committee confirming that there is an article in the latest edition and further updates will be included in upcoming editions.
- 8) Youth:
 - a) Play Rangers: To note Play Gloucestershire Report October – December 2022.

b) Youth Club:

- i) To note Inspire to Aspire Report January 2023 and the appointment of Youth Work Coordinator who will be the first point of contact for Inspire to Aspire projects in Bourton-on-the-Water.
- ii) Cricket Club SLA – to note that the existing agreement expires on 31st March 2023 and to agree any new arrangements and amendments required to wording from 1st April 2023: the Committee Clerk was asked to contact the Cricket Club and request that the existing contract was renewed at the current rate.

9) Play Areas:

a) Weekly Inspections:

- i) To receive weekly reports and agree any further actions: Cllr Hicks confirmed that there are no specific actions of concern to note and advised that the slide steps are still considered to be low risk.
- ii) Quarterly inspections: A query has been raised by the contractor relating to the accuracy of the recent report as it carried a fault that had been rectified in a previous report. The Clerk has written to contractor regarding this matter and has not yet received a response. To note comments regarding ongoing cleaning of algae.

b) New signage for Melville Play Area: Cllr Hicks presented her proposal for replacement of the signage in line with signage at The Naight. Committee Clerk to obtain quotation from The Wright Signs for the purchase and erection of two signs for Melville and one sign for Rye Crescent Play Areas.

c) New equipment for Rye Crescent Play Area:

- i) Cllr Hicks provided an update on advice received from the contractor on possible costs, anticipated timescales, and consultation arrangements. Cllrs Hicks and Davis met with Play Rangers for advice on the introduction of different forms of play and equipment. This will be followed up by a consultation with residents to determine how they enjoy playing and to ascertain the split of traditional equipment alongside some less traditional play options. Standing Orders were suspended whilst CDC explained their 'Make Space for Girls' research project on making play areas safer for females. Play Rangers to be approached for further discussion regarding this.
- ii) Committee to agree sources of funding and grant applications to be made: Cllr Hicks advised the committee that discussions regarding funding and grant applications will be held over to the next meeting.

10) Wellbeing:

- a) To note Director of Public Health's Annual Report 2022/23: Any comments and suggestions from committee members regarding the report should be sent to the Committee Clerk (cc Cllr Davis).
- b) Cllr Wragge detailed the request from Bourton Dementia Friendly Group for request for funding for refreshments for a start-up coffee morning for carers (and carers with their partners). Committee to approve funding to a maximum of £10. It was noted that refreshments for future meetings will be funded by attendees. APPROVED, Committee Clerk to write to Richard Brett, the Bourton Dementia Friendly Group contact confirming this.

11) Correspondence:

- a) To note email from Cotswold Cottage Gems re Warm Spaces (detailed in Matters Arising). Cllr Wragge left meeting at 18.56.
- b) Complaint from resident regarding noise from the MUGA at The Naight Play Area: A complaint has been received from a resident stating that he/she was woken up early on the morning of 12th February by a group of people using the MUGA. In their view not only is the equipment being abused but repairs appear to be failing quite quickly resulting in increased levels of noise. Cllr Hicks advised that rubber padding has already been added but this is not a solution as bolts continue to loosen and result in metal-to-metal contact. As replacing the ends is estimated to cost in the region of £20,000, Cllr Hicks will meet the contractor to discuss if there are other options for remedial works to reduce noise levels. The resident who has experience gained whilst working in the construction industry has

offered to help with regular checks. Committee Clerk to arrange for the resident to meet with Cllrs Hicks and Hadley and the contractor.

- c) Gloucestershire Market Towns Forum – request for volunteers for Older Persons or Younger Persons Sounding Board: Cllr Davis confirmed that she is the Parish Council representative for the membership of Gloucestershire Market Towns Forum (GMTF). Our GMTF membership gives us access to the Rural Services Network. Cllr Davis invited other committee members to get involved specifically with an interest in the older person's voice or the younger person's voice. It was agreed that members of the committee contact Cllr Davis directly if they are able to be involved.

12) Items to note:

- a) Police & Crime Prevention Plan for Gloucestershire 2021 – 2025: It was agreed that this item be included on the next Highways Committee agenda and any feedback on the report should be forwarded to the Committee Clerk.
- b) Percentage of households in Gloucestershire deprived in three or more dimensions at Lower Super Output Area Level – 2021: It was noted by Cllr Davis that north of Cirencester on the Fosseway, only Bourton-on-the-Water has a higher level of deprivation.
- c) Safer Streets Cotswold Community consultation: Cotswold Community Safety Partnership have been awarded £50,000 to work with CDC to identify areas where women do not feel safe. Councillors have been asked to respond to the Clerk with suggestions by 17th March 2023. Cllr Davis advised that there are four areas of particular concern and the CDC representative recommended that these should all be submitted for consideration.
- d) Wheelchair accessible bus service in the North Cotswolds. The door-to-door service commencing 3rd April will be operated by Community Connexions (a Gloucestershire charity providing transport for the most vulnerable in our communities).
- e) The Cotswold Youth Network and Active Impact are undertaking a survey of access to activities for disabled children in the district and request that Town and Parish Councils share this as widely as possible. This item will be added to agenda for next meeting on Monday 17th April 2023.
- f) Contractor images of before and after painting of the steel swings and fencing paint removal at Melville Play Area.
- g) Additional paper: Inspire to Aspire Report February 2023.
- h) The North Cotswold Network meeting will be held on Monday 13th March. Cllr Hadley is unable to attend and asked if any of the committee members would be available to attend the meeting.

Date of Next Meeting – 7pm on Monday 17th April 2023 in the Salmonsbury Room.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19.17 hours.

Signed:

Dated: 20th April 2023