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COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

will meet on

Monday 20th July 2020

Via zoom starting at 7.30pm

Topic: Community and Environment Meeting

Time: Jul 20, 2020 07:30 PM London

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All Members of the committee are summoned to attend the above meeting when the following business will be transacted:



Terry Philpott, Town Clerk
15th July 2020

This meeting is open to the Public and Press. The Council provides opportunity for members of the public to speak or ask questions at every meeting of the Council on any item on the agenda. Requests for items to be included on the agenda should be notified to the Clerk by the first Monday of the month.

A G E N D A

CE082: To receive and accept Apologies for Absence

CE083: To receive any Declarations of Interest and review any requests for Dispensation submitted to the Clerk.

CE084: Minutes from the previous meeting: to receive and sign the minutes of the last Community and Environment meeting held on 17th February 2020.

The May meeting was cancelled due to Covid restrictions.

CE085: Correspondence and Clerks report (TP)

- Memorial for Ware civilians no further update received, will remove from agenda.
- River Railings work ongoing, several complaints received by WTC on the tardiness of Thames Water to facilitate the repairs, Thames Water now undertaking work in house, delayed due to Covid furlough.
- Towpath bridge repairs update. Planning application submitted
- Ware Film Festival work in progress, forming a group to deliver the project potentially in September.

CE086: CCTV in Ware (TP)

To review the attached report and agree the next steps.

CE087: Community Rail Partnership (TP)

To note the contents of the attached report.

CE088: Biffa Landfill update for information Update from Cllr Kemp

I attended the liaison meeting on Tuesday (7 July) at which we were given an update of the situation. Biffa were very apologetic for the odours released during the capping of a waste cell to seal it permanently and set it up for long-term gas capture and power generation. This was exacerbated by it occurring during the spell of very hot weather, and indeed they received a very large number of complaints (over 200 in June and 59 in May, compared to 6 in April which is a typical level). The good news is that there is only one cell left to be capped before the site is completely closed to new waste, and this is scheduled to be done in December 2020 when odour generation should be low. Capping processes have been done previously without causing these problems, so it is expected that the recent severe episode is a “one-off” which will not be repeated. Obviously, the general underlying odour will need to be continuously monitored and managed.

CE089: Events update. Report attached (RM)

To receive a report from the events manager

CE090: Twinning

A letter from the Mayor has been sent to Wulfrath cancelling the planned visit on 18th – 20th September 2020 due to Covid restrictions.

To agree the next steps re the next Twinning in 2021 which will include invitations to / Wulfrath / Cormeilles visit in 2021. It has been recommended that the budget will be increased to support the occasion.

CE091: Allotment liaison group (TP/ST)

To note the report attached from Shella Turner (attached)

The allotment group have not met since the Covid lockdown, although the group remain active on day to day activities at both sites.

CE092: Cemetery Liaison Group (TP)

The liaison group have not met but remain active and communicated via email.

Verbal report on the following:

- Wildflower Area
- Bug Boxes
- Bird boxes
- Box Tree Caterpillar
- Bat survey

The council will review the landscaping of the area adjacent to the car park to create additional burial spaces. This review will be undertaken in 2021.

The Old Cemetery gates will be locked at dusk, this will be managed by local residents.

CE093: Possible withdrawal of bus services in Ware

This issue was discussed at the last committee meeting, Cllr Kaye agreed to investigate further and provide an update.

CE094: Christmas Lights

It was agreed at a previous meeting that the following would be reviewed for implementation in 2020 or 2021.

The revised updated theme to include:

- Retain the current lanterns
- To introduce some focal points
- To have a tree or other focal point in Tudor Square
- Extend the range of lights to Baldock Street roundabout.
- Investigate Lumiere at The Priory.

It is proposed that the update schemes are still introduced

CE095: Agenda items for next meeting 14th September 2020 Hertfordshire Year of Culture

Health and Wellbeing. Proposal from Cllr Curtis



Hertfordshire Year of Culture 2020

Webpage: www.HYOC2020.org.uk, twitter [@HYOC2020](https://twitter.com/HYOC2020), facebook [@HertsYOC2020](https://www.facebook.com/HertsYOC2020)

Monthly themes:

January	Try Something New
February	Workforce Development and Volunteering
March	Access the Arts
April	Go Somewhere Local
May	The Big Outdoors
June	Big Ideas
July	Cultural Olympiad
August	Families and Friends
September	Heritage and History/Meet the Maker
October	Be Inspired/Get Back Into
November	Creative Minds and Creative Industries
December	Celebrate and Illuminate