



Ware Town Council

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COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 20th July 2020

Via zoom starting at 7.30pm

Cllr Ballam (Chair), Butcher, Fernando, Kaye, Reed, Shaw (V),

Officer present: Terry Philpott Town Clerk. Ros Montgomery, Events Officer

Members of the public: none

MINUTES

CE082: To receive and accept Apologies for Absence

- None received

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

- None received

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.

Resolved: The minutes are an accurate record

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.

Resolved: To support the recommendations in the report

- a) Notes **the work undertaken to examine the feasibility of the Council taking on the devolved management of the Ware CCTV Network**
- b) Selects **Option 2 and goes to the market to seek a contractor**
- c) Approve **the draft tender document Appendix 3**
- d) **If the tendering exercise is not successful, then Option 4 is selected**

CE087: Community Rail Partnership (TP)

To update report was noted, key points detailed below.

The New River Line (Hertford East to Broxbourne) Community Rail Partnership was established in 2019 and is comprised of the following organisations:

Abellio Greater Anglia, Hertfordshire County Council, Broxbourne Borough Council, East Herts District Council, Hertford Town Council, Ware Town Council, Volunteer Centre Broxbourne, and East Herts, CDA Herts, Rye House Raceway, Lee Valley Park. The CRP is also a member of Community Rail Network, the umbrella organisation for CRPs across Britain.

- WTC have committed £1Kpa of funding.
- The train operator Greater Anglia contributes £16K in 2019/20 and £20K in 2020/21
- Terms of Reference have been agreed and Hertfordshire County Council have agreed to be the “Host” organisation.
- A steering group has been set up including Terry Philpott representing WTC, Kate Belinis from CDA Herts is the Chair of the steering group.
- A Line Guide leaflet will be published in the next few months.
- A launch event end of May, this will be rescheduled to a later date, probably Spring 2021, tbc
- A Facebook page has been set up as an initial way of communicating with the CRP community and a website will be developed soon.
- A part-time CRP officer has been recruited.

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.

The feedback from Cllr Kemp was noted and, the committee thanked Cllr Kemp for his work on this issue

CE089: Events update. Report attached (RM)

To update report was noted key points detailed below.

Cinema: had been very well attended. The April film show was cancelled due to Covid. A restart in September will be considered nearer the time.

Guided Tours of Ware: Have been cancelled due to Covid.

Food Festival: The 17th May was cancelled due to Covid. There has been some discussion with Ware’s the Music about hosting this later, alongside Ware’s the Music, however, with the current ban on live performances this will not be feasible. Recommend a comeback in 2021.

Summer Concerts: have been cancelled up until the end of July. Further consideration will need to be given to the Ware Brass Christmas Concert.

VE75: The planned programme of events was cancelled. The Mayor recorded a toast which became part of a district wide broadcast.

VJ Day – 15th August: No event is planned for this date.

Heritage Weekend: Due to take place over 2 weekends; 11th-20th September, will not take place this year.

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.

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

CE091: Allotment liaison group (TP/ST)

To update report was noted.

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 provided a further 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