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MINUTES FROM THE PEOPLE & PROMOTION COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on: Tuesday 02 March 2021 at 7.00pm. This was a virtual meeting on Zoom

Attendance: Councillors S Hale, G Kennedy, M Lovell, G Mayall, A McGuire, T O'Connor (Chair), M Harrison (Ex-Officio)

Absent: Councillors T Faith, N Tolson

Present: C Starkie, Town Clerk, L Evans, Assistant Town Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer, T Jessop, Project Officer

Public: 1 member of the public was present

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public questions.

PP04.1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Faith and Tolson.

PP04.2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

PP04.3 Chair's Announcement

Councillor O'Connor informed Councillors that Mendip District Council had announced plans to make a fund of £40k to support creative industries and tourism in the area. This was welcomed due to news that the Strawberry Line project was moving forward and Councillor Kennedy would keep the committee informed.

PP04.4 To receive minutes from the last meeting

The minutes from 19 January 2021 were accepted by the committee as a true record and signed by the Chair.

Resolved that:

The minutes from 19 January 2021 were agreed and signed.

PP04.5 Financial Update

Councillors received a written report from the Responsible Financial Officer on the financial position of this committee.

Resolved that:

The report be noted and agreed.

PP04.6 Summertime Activities Programme

Councillors received a written report from the Project Officer to consider a proposal for a programme of summertime activities.

Councillors discussed and agreed to the proposal, subject to Covid-19 restrictions and risk assessments.

Resolved that:

Councillors agreed to the transfer of the £10K budget from the People's Fund into an ear marked reserve, for the creation of a programme of summertime activities to be delivered by local partners following a public tender process.

The Chair of the committee and the Town Clerk to be given delegated authority to agree the terms and criteria of the tender process, in line with the town council's procurement policy and town plan priorities.

This committee nominate four councillors (Councillors Mayall, O'Connor, Hale and McGuire), to sit on the tender review panel alongside the town clerk and project officer.

PP04.7 Tourism Update

Councillors received a written report from Councillor Lovell on matters relating to tourism and the promotion of the town.

Resolved that:

Councillors note the report.

PP04.8 Youth Lead Councillor

To nominate a councillor to act as lead councillor on matters relating to children and young people, including the YMCA and the newly formed 'Shepton Youth Support Group'.

Resolved that:

Councillor McGuire be nominated as lead councillor on matters relating to children and young people. Due to the absence of Councillor Faith, it was resolved that agenda item PP04.9, which he was to present, be deferred to the next meeting of the People & Promotion Committee

PP04.10 Arts Working Party Update

Councillors received a written report from Councillor O'Connor on the work of the arts working party and related arts projects.

Resolved that:

Councillors note the report.

PP04.11 Walkers are Welcome

Councillors received a written report from the Project Officer to consider a request for this council to formally endorse a community-led proposal for Walkers Are Welcome membership and to consider making a financial contribution of £90 to cover the membership fee.

Resolved that:

Councillors agree to pay the £90 membership fee for Walkers Are Welcome on behalf of the local steering group.

Councillors agree to formally endorse the Walkers Are Welcome membership application.

PP04.12 Heritage Trail

Councillor received a verbal update from the Project Officer on the progress of the Heritage Trail Project.

PP04.13 Date of next committee meeting

The next meeting of the council will be held on Tuesday 04 May 2021.

The meeting closed at 20:30