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To: All Members of the Community Services Committee: Councillors A Brown, T Bush, N Farmer, M Jackson, D Jarman, G McCaffery, A Thomas, A White and R Williams.

All other Members of the Council for information.

The next meeting of the Community Services Committee will be held in the Town Hall on Wednesday 17 January 2024 commencing at **7pm**. *(Please note the new start time for meetings, as agreed at the Council meeting held on 8 January 2024.)*

Yours sincerely

David J Martin
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Press and Public – To observe the meeting online or take part in Agenda Item 2 - Public Question Time and Petitions, please click [here](#) or email dmartin@corsham.gov.uk for instructions.

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Public Question Time and Petitions
3. Declarations of Interest

To receive any Declaration(s) of Interest under Corsham Town Council's Code of Conduct issued in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on 22 November 2023.
5. Grant Applications – There are none for this meeting.
6. Community Wellbeing Update *(Minute CS 40/23 and others)* – The Committee will be updated on the Town Council's latest community wellbeing activities, including Cllr Bush's work in setting-up the Deaf/Disabled People's Organisation Same Difference.

- i) The next Community Wellbeing Meeting will take place on Monday 4 March 2024 from 12-1pm with a focus on support for families, particularly the more vulnerable, in Corsham. Minutes will be shared with all Councillors via the Members Information Sheet.
- ii) Corsham Community Club – The Town Hall is hosting 3Cs on three dates in February/March when the Campus is unavailable. On 6 March, members will enjoy a Silent Disco, run by Celebrating Age Wiltshire and The Pound Arts Centre, and funded by the Town Council. The Community Wellbeing Officer will be supporting 3Cs at the Town Hall sessions.
- iii) Get Active! Youth Directory – Compilation of this guide to clubs, groups and organisations for young people is ongoing. It is hoped it should be ready to go to print in February.
- iv) The RISE Trust's six-week Baby Massage course held at Springfield Campus, supported and funded by the Town Council, proved very popular and beneficial for the families supported by RISE and will be repeated again in the spring.
- v) The RISE Trust Detached Team – The team is continuing to provide its outreach service for young people every Wednesday and Friday evening around the town. Plans have been agreed to trial the Open Blue Bus for a minimum of six weeks as a warm space for young people (aged 13+) on Wednesday evenings, with free hot food and drinks available. The Team will run their normal session from 6.30-8.30pm, with the bus available from 7-8pm outside Springfield Campus. These timings will allow the team to encourage young people to visit the bus beforehand and use the last half-hour in the Springfield area, ensuring that the young people leave the bus, and the area, safely and quietly and do not cause any nuisance to Campus staff or users, or local residents.

The Town Council is funding the bus at a cost of £100 per session. The first session is due to take place on 17 January. If the trial is successful, it may be extended for another month until the end of March.

- vi) Boyz-2-Men – Richard Pomfrett of The Stay Safe Initiative (regularly funded by the Town Council) is planning a new course aimed at young teenage boys that will promote positive masculinity and challenge the issue of online influencers, such as Andrew Tate, who perpetuate toxic behaviours. Cllr Brown, the Head of Community Services and the Community Wellbeing Officer met with Richard Pomfrett to discuss the plans and offer the Town Council's support to help the course run at The Corsham School.
- vii) The Community Wellbeing Officer has organised a mini roadshow with Warm and Safe Wiltshire on 5 February and 5 March. Over the course of the two days, the roadshow will be based at Springfield Community Campus, The Pound Arts Centre, the Services Cotswold Centre and Corsham Foodbank providing outreach support, information and guidance on the help and funding available to anyone struggling with the cost-of-living crisis.
- viii) Community Groups – Cllr Brown and the Community Wellbeing Officer continue to visit a wide range of local groups and organisations to see what is available in the community. Good contacts have been made.
- ix) A meeting is due to be held with Dogs for Health on 22 January to continue to explore whether the project would be able to work in the Corsham Community Area.
- x) Artist Jacquie Anderson, with grant funding from the Town Council, will be running free Over 60s Movement and Drawing Workshops at The Pound Arts Centre – as part of the wider Drawing Room Exhibition – on 25 January and 1 February from 11am-1pm.

- xi) Age-friendly Communities – Cllr Brown, the Chief Executive, Head of Community Services and Community Wellbeing Officer attended an online meeting with the Centre for Ageing Better to discuss whether Corsham could become an Age-friendly Community. Cllr Brown and the Head of Community Services will be attending a webinar on the initiative later in January.
- xii) Street Tag – It is hoped that a further update on this new community-wide initiative, funded by Wiltshire Council and due to launch at the end of January 2024, will be available.

– *for information and comment.*

7. Public Art Projects (*Minute CS 41/23 and others*) – The Committee will be updated on:

- i) The Potley Community Arts Project (PACT) and Brunel Shed Container Project
- ii) Cross Keys Plinth – Jonathan Sanders’ Sheep Project
- iii) The Prayer

– *for information and comment.*

The Committee will also be updated on the progress of the survey due to be sent out to local artists - *for information and discussion.*

- 8. StoryTown (*Minute CS 42/23 and others*) – The Committee will be updated on the progress of the various StoryTown projects being undertaken in connection with the Strategic Plan – *for information and discussion.*
- 9. Business Support Update (*Minute CS 43/23 and others*) – The Committee will be updated on the work being done to support local businesses, including the Business Breakfast taking place on 19 January 2024 at The Pound Arts Centre, and progress in getting the Town Council’s new Retail Map online in an interactive format – *for information and comment.*
- 10. Corsham Market – The Head of Community Services will report on the current situation regarding Corsham’s Tuesday Market, run by Wiltshire Council, and approaches received from companies offering to hold markets in the town.
- 11. Events Update (*Minute CS 44/23, 33/23 and others*) – The Committee will be updated on the Town Council’s various events:
 - i) Wishing Tree (25 November 2023)
 - ii) Christmas Lights Switch On (1 December 2023)
 - iii) Eco Fair (20 April 2024)
 - iv) Summer Busking Saturdays (4 May-28 September 2024)
 - v) Taste of Corsham (15 June 2024)

- *for information and comment.*

- 12. Corsham Parish/Town Council 130th Anniversary and 25th Anniversary of becoming a Town Council – Further to the Council meeting on 8 January 2024, the Committee is asked to deal with the details of any events or celebrations relating to the 130th and/or 25th anniversaries. Suggestions put forward at the Council meeting included: using the activity to increase community engagement; asking for views on what Corsham might be like in another 20/25 years; involving children and seeking their views/vision and holding an open day at the Town Hall – *for consideration.*