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To: All Members of the Community Services Committee: Councillors A Brown, T Bush, N Farmer, 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 20 March 2024 commencing at 7pm.

Yours sincerely

David J Martin
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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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 17 January 2024 – *for information only*.
5. Grant Applications – There are two for this meeting.

- i) *Corsham Community Club* – The 3Cs lunch club for older/vulnerable people is seeking £800 towards a new fridge in the Brunel Room kitchen at Springfield Community Campus. Wiltshire Council and 3Cs have worked together on funding, improving, and updating the facilities in the kitchen used fortnightly by the Club. It was agreed that 3Cs would seek funding for a new fridge and a serving/work table (which would also be

available for other groups/hirers to use), with Wiltshire Council funding other improvements, such as a new dishwasher. The amount sought is approximately one-third of the total cost. The application is *attached – for discussion*.

- ii) *Corsham Running Club* – Corsham Running Club is looking to set up a Youth Section within the Club for 12-17-year-olds. The aim is to promote running among young people for fitness, socialising and general wellbeing. A sum of £1,680 (50% of the total) is requested. The application is *attached – for discussion*.

6. Community Wellbeing Update (*Minute CS 51/23 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 latest Community Wellbeing Meeting was held on 4 March 2024 with a focus on the support for families in Corsham. Minutes will be sent with the Members Information Sheet.
- ii) The Community Wellbeing Officer and Warm and Safe Wiltshire conducted two days of community outreach offering free support and guidance with energy bills and consumption. Follow-ups with those requiring more support were offered, with continued links and ongoing support for Corsham Foodbank and The Services Cotswold Centre.
- iii) The RISE Trust's Detached Youth Workers continue to provide their outreach service for young people every Wednesday and Friday evening. The Open Blue Bus trial as a warm space for young people on a Wednesday has been extended until the end of March.
- iv) lid continues to support referred young people at The Corsham School with their 'My Space' movement and wellbeing group, funded by the Town Council. (A grant of £925 was approved at the Community Services Committee meeting on 22 November 2023.) There is a waiting list for the support and the current group will complete their work together by the end of term, with a new cohort starting after Easter.
- v) As Springfield Community Campus was unavailable for three of their planned dates for 2024, Corsham Community Club hosted its lunches at the Town Hall on 7 February and 6 March, with the third to take place on 20 March. The lunch on 6 March included a Town Council-funded silent disco for the members, run by Celebrating Age and Pound Arts. On 20 March, Jenny Hulme, Story Associate, funded by Bath Spa University's Story Arcs initiative, will visit the group as part of her StoryTown work (*see Item 8*).
- vi) Corsham Foodbank will be delivering over 100 packages for families in need at Easter.
- vii) Another StoryTown/Strategic Plan project, under the Community Wellbeing theme, has seen poet and author Dawn Gorman working with residents at Jargeau Court and Holton House to capture memories of their working lives. Artefacts from Chippenham Museum are also being shared to generate discussion. The stories will be turned into booklets for the residents, to preserve and share their stories. It was hoped that the next stage would see an intergenerational element included.
- viii) Corsham Connections (befriending service), which received a £2,000 one-off grant from the Town Council in 2022, held its first AGM on 29 February. The organisation is now a registered charity, with over 20 volunteers, and helped 20 beneficiaries in its first year. Highly productive links have been made with members of the Community Wellbeing Group, including Corsham Community Club and Celebrating Age, both of which have helped Corsham Connection clients.
- ix) Community Area Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (CAJSNA) – Public Health Wiltshire has published its CAJSNA for 2024, bringing together data from over 140 indicators spanning 10 different topics to provide a comparison of these topics across 18

Community Areas in Wiltshire. The Corsham Area Board JSNA can be found online at <https://www.wiltshireintelligence.org.uk/cajsna/corsham/>. The data for Corsham is being analysed by Town Council Officers and discussed with stakeholders and will also inform the Town Council's new Community Wellbeing Strategy being compiled by the Head of Community Services. A draft of this Strategy will be presented to the Committee at its meeting in May.

7. StoryTown (*Minute CS 53/23 and others*) – The Committee will be updated on the progress of the various StoryTown projects being undertaken in connection with the Strategic Plan. Jenny Hulme, our Bath Spa University/Story Arc-funded Story Associate will be in attendance and will give an update on her work so far in creating 'The Story of the High Street' (Strategic Plan theme: Business and the Economy) – *for information and comment*.
8. Corsham – An Age-friendly Community – Cllr Brown, the Chief Executive, Head of Community Services and Community Wellbeing Officer attended an online meeting with the Centre for Ageing Better in January, with further information gathered at a subsequent webinar. As a result, the Community Services Committee is asked to recommend to Full Council that Corsham Town Council actively works with older people and relevant stakeholders to become an Age-friendly Community, and that a letter of support be submitted to the Centre for Ageing Better (details *attached*) – *for discussion and approval*.
9. Public Art Projects (*Minute CS 52/23 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
 - iv) Art at the Heart of the RUH– *for information and comment*.
10. Arts Survey 2024 and Creative Corsham Strategy 2022-2027 Action Plan – Year Two (2024) – The data from the 18 responses to the recent Arts Survey is *attached*. The findings have been used in the drawing up of new tasks within the Year Two Action Plan for the Creative Corsham Strategy (*attached*). A report on the completed tasks from Year One is also *attached*. The Committee is asked to approve the Year Two Action Plan – *for comment and approval*.
11. Business Support Update (*Minute CS 54/23, 43/23 and others*) – The Committee will be updated on the Business Breakfast which took place on 19 January 2024 at The Pound Arts Centre, and the upcoming Breakfast due to take place at the Digital Mansion Corsham on 26 April 2024 – *for information and comment*.
12. Events Update (*Minute CS 56/23, 44/23 and others*) – The Committee will be updated on:
 - i) Eco Fair (20 April 2024)
 - ii) Summer Busking Saturdays (4 May-28 September 2024)
 - iii) Taste of Corsham (15 June 2024)
 - iv) Summer Fete (6 July 2024)– *for information and comment*.
13. Social Media Update – The Tourism and Events Officer will update the Committee on recent social media activity across both the Corsham Town Council and Visit Corsham pages. A further report, setting targets for 2024/25 activity, will be presented to the Committee at May's meeting – *for discussion and comment*.