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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 26 July 2023 commencing at 7.30pm.

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 May 2023 - *for information only.*
5. Grant Applications – There are none for this meeting. The Committee is, however, asked whether, in principle, it would be willing to consider two grant applications in the future.
 - i) The Head of Community Services has been approached by The Portable Wellbeing Studio to see whether the Town Council would, in principle, be willing to fund its

residency at The Corsham School for a third time, at a cost of £2,500. A report on the project so far is *attached*. Should the Community Services Committee be minded to consider the request, a formal grant application will be made to September's meeting.

- *for discussion and comment.*

- ii) The Committee is also asked to consider whether, in principle, it would be minded to co-fund, with Corsham Area Board, a one-year trial Dogs for Health project. The cost to the Town Council would be £1,000.

Dogs for Health (dogsforhealth.org.uk) is a non-profit organisation that trains local residents and their dogs to create a team of volunteers who can work alongside health professionals to help reduce stress, social isolation and anxiety in their clients. They currently work locally in Westbury and Warminster (as well as in Frome and Shepton Mallet), visiting people in their own homes, hospitals, care homes and schools.

Cllr Brown, the Head of Community Services and the Community Services Officers for Community Wellbeing and Tourism and Events, along with staff from The Porch Surgery, met with the Dogs for Health team in April. The Porch Surgery staff immediately saw the positive difference Dogs for Health volunteers could make to their clients in the Corsham Community Area.

The next step in the process is to hold a fund-raising/awareness-raising dog show, which will form part of the Street Fair's activities (*see Agenda Item 8*) and is also an opportunity to recruit possible volunteers. If enough volunteers come forward to take the project further, then Dogs for Health will apply for a grant, potentially at November's Community Services meeting, to cover the costs of set-up, training, etc. The Committee is asked whether it would be happy to support the setting up of a Dogs for Health project in Corsham and would be minded to consider a grant application for the project. Depending on the Committee's response, Corsham Area Board would also be asked for its in principle support.

- *for discussion and comment.*

6. Public Art Projects (*Minute CS 06/23 and others*) – The Committee will be updated on:

- i) The Potley Community Arts Project
- ii) Cross Keys Plinth
- iii) The Town Council and this year's Peacock Arts Trail (7-15 October 2023)
- iv) The Prayer

- *for information and comment.*

7. Business Support Update (*Minute CS 09/23 and others*) – The Committee will be updated on the work being done to support local businesses, including June's Business Leaders' Lunch, the Town Council's new Retail Map and the Business Health Survey - *for information and comment.*

8. Events Update (*Minute CS 10/23 and others*) – The Committee will be updated on the Town Council's various events:

- i) Summer Busking Saturdays (6 May-30 September 2023)
- ii) Taste of Corsham (17 June 2023)
- iii) Summer Trails (22 July-31 August)
- iv) Street Fair (9 September 2023)
- v) Christmas Lights (1 December 2023)

- *for information and comment.*

9. Corsham Town Council Events 2024 – To allow Community Services Officers to start planning for next year, the Committee is asked to approve the following suggested dates for Town Council events in 2024.

Eco Fair – Saturday 20 April 2024 (nearest Saturday to Earth Day on 22 April)

Taste of Corsham – Saturday 15 June 2024

Summer Fete – Saturday 6 July 2024

Street Fair – Saturday 7 September 2024

Wishing Tree – Saturday 30 November 2024

Christmas Lights Switch On – Friday 6 December 2024

- *for discussion and approval.*

10. Community Wellbeing Update (*Minute CS 14/23 and others*) – The Committee will be updated on the Town Council's community wellbeing activities, including Cllr Bush's plans to set up a Disabled People's Organisation. A written report on the recent work undertaken by the Community Services Officer (Community Wellbeing) is *attached - for information and discussion.*