

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Services Committee Meeting held at
Corsham Town Hall on Wednesday 12 July 2017**

Present Councillor M Jackson (Acting Chairman)
Councillors Ms L Bray, N Farmer, D Jones, Mrs A White

In Attendance Mrs S Thomas (Head of Community Services)

CS 12/17 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs K Duckhouse, C Fuller, Mrs R Hopkinson, N Pocock and R Taylor.

CS 13/17 Public Question Time and Petitions

There were none.

CS 14/17 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.

There were none.

CS 15/17 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Community Services Committee Meeting held on 24 May 2017

There were none.

CS 16/17 Reports from Council representatives appointed to outside bodies

Fairtrade Corsham – Cllr Farmer had attended a Fairtrade Corsham meeting and explained that those involved were still keen, following its previous cancellation, to give a presentation on Fairtrade to the Town Council. It had also been suggested that a presentation be given to Corsham Youth Council later in the year. Cllr Farmer would discuss the presentation to Full Council with the Chief Executive and the Head of Community Services would liaise with Nikki Kenna, from Fairtrade Corsham, to arrange a date for a CYC presentation.

CS 17/17 Strategic Plan Monitoring and Evaluation (*Minute CS 61/16 and others*)

The Head of Community Services gave an update on progress made on those Strategic Plan themes covered by the Community Services Committee: Destination

Corsham; Alive with Centres of Excellence; Open to Business and Safe and Healthy Community.

The update was noted.

CS 18/17 Review of Taste of Corsham – 17 June 2017 (*Minutes CS 8/17 and others*)

The Head of Community Services gave a report on the Taste of Corsham food festival that had taken place on 17 June 2017. The feedback received from stallholders, local businesses, residents and visitors had been overwhelmingly positive, with at least 3,000 people attending during the day. When the idea for Taste of Corsham was originally conceived, it was envisaged that the event would take place every other year. The assumption from many of those attending, both stallholders and visitors, was that this would now be an annual event and would continue to coincide with The Pound's Blue Sky Festival weekend.

Resolved

That Taste of Corsham would, for the foreseeable future, become an annual event, taking place to coincide with the Saturday of the Blue Sky Festival weekend.

CS 19/17 Street Fair 16 September 2017 (*Minute CS 53/16*)

The Head of Community Services gave an update on the plans for the Street Fair due to take place on Saturday 16 September 2017. Stall bookings were underway, the road closure application was with Wiltshire Council; police and St John Ambulance cover had been booked and discussions had begun with The Pound regarding their involvement. Cllr Farmer would help with booking performers for the main stage.

The update was noted.

CS 20/17 Christmas Lights Switch On 1 December 2017 (*Minute CS 51/16*)

The Head of Community Services gave an update on the plans for this year's Christmas Lights Switch On, which were at a very early stage. It was resolved at the Community Services Committee meeting on 18 January 2017 that Councillors, staff and others involved should be asked for their thoughts on adding more carols/a more religious aspect to the evening and the Committee was asked to discuss this proposal. It was felt that the opportunity for carol-singing at the end of the evening would be a good addition to the event, perhaps with a choir leading the crowd, but that St Bartholomew's Church should be asked for their thoughts and to see if they would like to be involved in anyway.

Resolved

That the Head of Community Services would contact the pastoral team at St Bartholomew's Church to discuss the idea of adding carol-singing to the Christmas Lights Switch On.

CS 21/17 Corsham Market (*Minute CS 9/17*)

Wiltshire Council's Market Team's proposal to move the Tuesday Market to Newlands Road (Co-op) Car Park was still under consideration by Parking Services. The Markets Manager was still confident that the move would take place and that relocating to a

more visible site would encourage more stallholders to either return to or join the market. The Committee reiterated its support for the move.

The update was noted.

CS 22/17 Summer Holiday Activities

The Head of Community Services reported on the two, free activities planned for children and families in the summer holidays. Corsham in Focus Junior had taken its inspiration from Andy Rose's Corsham in Focus book and would feature 20 new photographs, also taken by Andy Rose, for children to find in and around the High Street. The entry form would also promote the book and its availability in town to encourage those taking part to return a number of times. The Peacock Feather Trail would follow the same format as 2016 and feature 10 peacock feathers hidden in shop windows in the town centre. The aim of the trail was to encourage families to find the feathers and then visit the shops to get the peacock stickers required for the entry forms. Both activities would be widely promoted, including in the local press. Copies of the forms would be available at various outlets in the town as well as the Town Hall, and would be available to download from the Town Council's website.

The update was noted.

CS 23/17 Corsham in Bloom

The Head of Community Services updated the Committee on the Britain in Bloom South West judging of Corsham, which had taken place on 11 July. The judges had seemed very impressed by what they had seen on their tour of Corsham and had enjoyed meeting all those involved at lunch. The results would be known in early October. Judging for the in-town competitions was due to take place on 13/14 July, with the Corsham in Bloom Presentation Evening scheduled for Tuesday 17 October at the Town Hall.

The update was noted.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm and closed at 8.40pm. There were no members of the public present.

CHAIRMAN

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