

DUNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, GROVE HOUSE, HIGH STREET NORTH, DUNSTABLE

ON MONDAY 12TH MARCH 2007

Present: Councillor Mrs C M Gresham (Town Mayor), Councillor Mrs B M Boatwright (Deputy Town Mayor); Councillors Mrs S A Newton (Chairman); T C Colbourne (Vice-Chairman); Mrs J K Fairbairn; J Freeman; J A Harnett; M Hearty; C Meakins-Jell with Mr R Walden (Town Clerk); David Ashlee (Town Clerk designate); Mrs K Winton (Performance and Environment Manager) and Mr M McGann (Youth and Community Manager)

Apologies for Absence: Councillors B Ralley and Mrs A Stock

87 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 22nd January were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

88 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Members declared their interest in the item indicated:

Councillors Mrs Boatwright	Cordova	Prejudicial Interest (Member of Management Committee and left the meeting during the discussion)
Councillor Mrs Boatwright	Dunstable Young People's Centre	Personal Interest (Trustee)
Councillor Mrs Boatwright	South Beds Dial a Ride	Personal Interest
Councillor T C Colbourne	1st Dunstable Scouts	Personal Interest
Councillor T C Colbourne	Dunstable and District Scout Council	Prejudicial Interest and left the meeting
Councillor T C Colbourne	3rd Dunstable Scouts	Personal Interest
Councillor T C Colbourne	8th Dunstable Scout Group	Personal Interest
Councillor Mrs Gresham	Cordova	Personal Interest (Council representative on Management Committee)
Councillor Mrs Gresham	Hillcrest Out of School Club	Personal Interest
Councillor Mrs Gresham	Dunstable Old People's Welfare Association	Personal Interest

Councillor Mrs Newton	Peter Newton Pavilion	Personal Interest (Centre named after family member)
Councillor Mrs Newton	3rd Dunstable Rainbows	Personal Interest
Mr M McGann	Dunstable Young People's Centre	Prejudicial Interest (Member of Management Committee and left the meeting during the discussion)

89 OLDER PEOPLE'S HEALTHY LIVING PROJECT

The Performance and Environment Manager presented a detailed progress report on the continuing success of this project and highlighted recent activities arranged for club members.

90 SRB YOUTH OUTREACH PROJECT

The Youth and Community Manager reported on current youth outreach work which continued in all areas of Dunstable.

The Committee concurred with proposals to wind up the Dunstable Young People's Club charity and to transfer its premises in Manchester Place to the Bedfordshire Youth Association.

RESOLVED: that the Council meet the legal costs involved in the transfer, which will be met by way of virement from the budget for grants to voluntary organisations.

91 'THE PLACE'

The Youth and Community Manager submitted a detailed report on current activities and attendances at The Place.

Young people from the Boardriders Club are to be invited to the next Council meeting to give a presentation of their recent researches throughout the country into alternative types of skate park provision. The visits were funded by a grant from the Youth Opportunities Fund.

92 MAYFIELD CENTRE

The Committee received a detailed report of the Youth and Community Manager on events and activities taking place at the Mayfield Centre.

93 DOWNSIDE COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Committee received a detailed report of the Performance and Environment Manager on current activities.

Members noted that negotiations were proceeding satisfactorily for the grant of a long lease of the Centre to the Onset Trust.

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk be authorised to conclude negotiations including any outstanding repairs to the building and the transfer of furniture and

equipment after consultation with the Chairman of the Committee.

94 GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS 2007/2008

The Committee received the Minutes of the meeting of the Grants Sub-Committee held on 9th February 2007 (Appendix 'A').

RESOLVED: that the recommendations of Grants Sub-Committee be adopted.

95 A HEALTHIER BEDFORDSHIRE

The Committee received a consultation paper of the Bedfordshire Primary Care Trust on their strategic intentions 2007-2012.

RESOLVED: that Members advise the Performance and Environment Manager of any comments on the Primary Care Trust's consultation paper in order to compile a composite response in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee