

DUNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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

ON MONDAY 16TH JULY 2007

Present: Councillor Mrs B M Boatwright (Town Mayor); Councillors T C Colbourne (Chairman), A Fairbairn, M Hearty; C Meakins-Jell and Mrs S A Newton

In Attendance: Councillor Mrs J K Fairbairn with Mr D Ashlee (Town Clerk) and Mr M McGann (Head of Community and Young People's Services)

Apologies for Absence: Councillors A E Green (Deputy Town Mayor), Mrs C Gresham and Mrs A Stock

206 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 21st May and 4th June 2007 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

207 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Members declared their interest in the item indicated:

Councillor Mrs Boatwright	Cordova	Prejudicial Interest (Member of Management Committee)
Councillor Hearty	Urban Artist	Personal Interest (family member)
Councillor Mrs Newton	Peter Newton Pavilion	Personal interest (Community centre named after a family member)

208 OLDER PEOPLE'S HEALTHY LIVING PROJECT

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

209 DAY SERVICES FOR OLDER PEOPLE – CONTRACT WITH BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

The Committee considered the draft contract with Bedfordshire County Council for the delivery of the day service for older people, currently known as the Older People's Healthy Living Project which currently operates on Mondays at Cordova and on Thursdays at the Salvation Army. The contract was agreed with the following amendments:

That CRB checks and Manual Handling training be obligatory
References to the Friendly Club and the Good Companions Club are consistent throughout the document

That inflationary increases will be applied from the 1st April of each contract year, based on the Retail Price Index rate prevalent at the preceding December.

RESOLVED: that, subject to the above, the Chairman and the Town Clerk be authorised to finalise the contract with Bedfordshire County Council.

(Action: Town Clerk & Committee Chairman)

210 YOUTH OUTREACH

The Head of Community and Young People's Services reported on current youth outreach work which continued in all areas of Dunstable. A six week football pilot project would start on Friday 20th July 2007 between 7.00 pm and 9.30pm. Supported by outreach staff the project would take place at the recreation centre in Court Drive, its aims being to engage young people from around the town centre area that would normally just gather in large numbers. Members were invited to join staff for a walk around the town centre on Friday 27th July 2007 starting from Grove House at 7.00pm.

211 'THE PLACE'

The Head of Community and Young People's Services reported that an urban artist had been booked to run a six week programme for young people attending the drop-in sessions on a Saturday afternoon. All drop-in sessions continued to be well attended.

212 DUNSTABLE TEEN COUNCIL

The Head of Community and Young People's Services reported that Teen Councillors had been successful in gaining a Youth Opportunities grant of £7,650 towards redecorating The Place to make it more young people friendly.

Members congratulated Lynette Weiland who had won the Bedfordshire Young Person of the Year Award for her work with Dunstable Town Council in setting up the Teen Council.

213 MAYFIELD CENTRE

The Head of Community and Young People's Services reported that the summer holiday programme planning was well under way and that session times would be changing to accommodate longer opening hours to engage with young people during the school summer holidays.

	<u>May</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>May</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>June</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>June</u> <u>2007</u>
Breakfast Drop-in	324	275	347	253
Young People's Information Drop-in	62	71	72	67
Homework Club	74	69	67	92
Parents and Tots Drop-in	194	96	206	108

214 CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF SERVICES AT THE MAYFIELD CENTRE

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Community and Young People's Services which set out to clarify the current situation regarding the Mayfield Centre closure and options for continuing services at the new Children's Centre.

Members considered the type of activities from the current programme at Mayfield that could be transferred and supported at the new Children's Centre or elsewhere within community activity taking place on the Downside Estate.

Officers were authorised to investigate with partner agencies what additional funding was available to support the transition of work.

RESOLVED: i) that this Council continues to deliver its current portfolio of work at the Mayfield Centre until the end of March 2008

ii) that Officers be instructed to develop a draft budget to be presented to a future meeting of this Committee, for continuing to keep the Mayfield Centre open after the end of March 2008.

(Action: Head of Community and Young People Service)

215 COMMUNITY CENTRES

A detailed report would be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee in respect of lease agreements for Downside Community Centre and Peter Newton Pavilion with Onset Trust and Bedfordshire Football Association respectively.

216 CONFIDENT COMMUNITIES FUND

The Town Clerk reported the detail of Bedfordshire County Council's consultation on proposals to devolve £1million of expenditure to Town and Parish Councils across the county to target initiatives that helped reduce the fear of crime. The initiative was known as the Confident Communities Fund and included potential funding allocation for Dunstable Town Council of £80,000. The Committee considered the indicative spend plan for the £80,000 funding available.

RESOLVED: i) that the indicative spend plan be approved, subject to full details of the final spend plan being presented to this Committee at the appropriate time.

ii) that the Town Clerk be authorised to respond to the consultation accordingly.

(Action: Town Clerk)