

DUNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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

ON MONDAY 22ND JANUARY 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); J A Harnett, C Meakins-Jell, and Mrs A Stock with Mr R Walden (Town Clerk), Mrs K Winton (Performance and Environment Manager) and Mr M McGann (Youth and Community Manager)

Apologies for Absence: Councillors B Ralley

10 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 6th November 2006 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

11 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 Gresham	Cordova	Personal Interest (Council representative on Management Committee)
Councillor Mrs Newton	Peter Newton Pavilion	Personal Interest (Centre named after family member)

12 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. In particular, the Chairman suggested that the staff and volunteers at Cordova would also benefit from dementia training.

The Mayor thanked all staff for their help in organising the Christmas lunches.

13 SRB YOUTH OUTREACH PROJECT

The Youth and Community Manager reported on current youth outreach work which continued in all areas of Dunstable. The Manager is working in conjunction with SBDC in developing diversionary activities for young people on Friday nights.

14 DUNSTABLE YOUTH ACKNOWLEDGMENT AWARDS

The criteria for governing the Youth Acknowledgement Awards were agreed.

15 **TEEN COUNCIL**

The Youth and Community Manager reported on recent activities of the Teen Council who had submitted funding bids to the Youth Opportunity Fund for a Youth Bank and redecoration of The Place.

16 **'THE PLACE'**

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

17 **MAYFIELD CENTRE**

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

18 **DOWNSIDE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

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

19 **PETER NEWTON PAVILION**

Bedfordshire Football Association had reported that the weekly groups were doing really well within the Pavilion and reported that bookings for social function bookings were lower at this time of year but were steady and compared favourably with the same period in previous years.

20 **GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS 2007/2008**

It was reported that 32 grant applications had been received which was considerably less than the 54 applications received last year.

- RESOLVED:** i) that a meeting of the Grants Sub-Committee be held to consider applications on 9th February 2007 at 3.00pm
- ii) that Councillor Harnett be appointed as an additional member of the Sub-Committee.

21 **SUMMER PLAYSCHMES**

The Committee received a detailed report of the Promotions Officer outlining proposed activities for the summer play activities in 2007.

- RESOLVED:** that the suggested activities be approved and the admission price for this year's scheme be £1.50 for the first child and £0.75 for every additional child from the same address.

22 DRAFT BUDGET 2007/08

The Committee considered revised estimates for the current financial year and a draft budget for 2007/08

RESOLVED: that the revised estimates and draft budget be approved and forwarded to Finance and General Purposes Committee.

23 PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS

a) Downside Community Centre

The Town Clerk reported details of the Onset Trust's "vision" and draft agreement for its proposed work at and from the Downside Community Centre.

RESOLVED: that the draft agreement be endorsed as follows:

- i) DTC will grant a 99 year lease of the Community Centre to the Onset trust (OT). This will be a full repairing/insuring/decorating lease at a peppercorn rent in similar terms to the lease currently enjoyed by Beds FA of the Peter Newton Pavilion. The user clause would be identical to that lease and there would be no right of sub-letting, save for hiring of facilities by groups etc
- ii) OT accepts the granting of such a lease would constitute a Transfer of an Undertaking in accordance with the Transfer of Undertakings Protection of Employment Regulations and, accordingly, OT is willing to accept the transfer of the existing DTC Community Assistant on identical terms and conditions
- iii) DTC will enter into a parallel agreement with OT for it to manage the football pitches on the adjoining Downside Recreation Ground on similar terms envisaged in the agreement previously reached but not enacted between DTC and Old Dunstablians FC. DTC would initially mark out the football pitches each season but subsequent marking, management and receipt of hire fees would be the responsibility of OT. DTC would continue to be responsible for cutting the grass of the recreation ground which would remain public open space freely accessible to the general public except for the sports pitches during the times of organised matches. Changing accommodation will continue to be available within the community centre although its actual location may be varied as part of any agreed development proposals.
- iv) DTC will be willing to consider a subsequent amendment to the lease permitting the sub-letting of part of the Community Centre to an organisation and/or company whose aims and objectives are compatible with the shared vision in order to support income streams for the future management of the building. DTC would not require any part of the building for accommodating its recreation ground team
- v) TC will also work with OT in seeking to obtain permission for an appropriate extension to the existing built facilities at the community centre within existing planning constraints.

b) Mayfield Centre

The Committee noted the progress on delivering the proposed Children's Centre for Downside.

RESOLVED: that the Town Council would be a key partner but not a lead partner.

c) **The Place**

The Committee noted the completion of a service level agreement with the County Council for continuing financial support. Members thanked the Town Clerk for his involvement in securing the service level agreement.

d) **Older People's Healthy Living Project**

The Committee noted continuing discussions with the County Council.

RESOLVED: that a Sub-Committee, comprising the Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs Newton and Councillor Colbourne, be appointed to review the issues and options concerning the future of this project.

e) **Peter Newton Pavilion**

Members noted the submission by Tesco of a revised planning application for a store extension which, if granted, would include the provision of a new replacement Peter Newton Pavilion and Beds Football Association headquarters