

CHRISTCHURCH TOWN COUNCIL

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 December 2019 at 6.00pm at the Druitt Hall, High Street, Christchurch BH23 1AJ

Present:-

- Chairman: Honorary Freeman Cllr C Bungey
- Present: Cllr Mrs S Bungey, Cllr C A Gardiner, and Cllr Mrs S Spittle.
- Also in attendance: Cllr F Neale.
- Apologies: Cllr A E Coulton, Cllr W Grace, Cllr G R Jarvis, Cllr S J McCormack and Cllr G E E Polson.
- Officers present: Daniel Lucas, Town Clerk
Susan Roxby, Administrative Support Officer

167. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

168. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 October 2019 were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

Voting: unanimous

169. Public Participation

Mrs Maureen King provided the committee with an updated statement regarding the Ducking Stool Boardwalk by Mill Stream in Christchurch, a copy of which appears as Appendix 'A' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Mrs King informed the committee that she had a meeting with the Chief Executive of BCP Council on 16 Dec 2019, where the proposal was put forward that BCP Council adopt the boardwalk and that this was being considered and asked that the Town Council also support this proposal.

The Chairman advised that the proposal for BCP Council to adopt the boardwalk and whether the Town Council would support the proposal would be considered at the next Full Council meeting.

Cllr Mrs Spittle joined the meeting at 6.05pm.

170. Public Questions

Cllr Mrs S Bungey informed Members that Christchurch could lose many local events such as the Mundeford Fun Day, Stomping on the Quomps, Christchurch Food Festival and other events due to written bureaucracy which organisers had to follow by BCP Council which were making these events virtually impossible to run. The local events had been running for many years and residents were wondering why since the councils' reorganisation that Christchurch was having to follow such overkill regulations.

Cllr Mrs Bungey was interested to hear other members views on the situation.

The Chairman advised that the same amount of paper work was undertaken for not for profit organisations' events as for commercial events and this proved too onerous for volunteers to comply with for not for profit events.

The Town Clerk advised that all the events' regulatory provision was undertaken by BCP Council which included Trading Standards and licencing of events. This involved risk management with the Safety Advisory Group taking account of the due diligence for all safety certificates and additional paperwork required for events.

The Town Clerk further advised that for clarification to event organisers that BCP officers should draft a policy for events to be adopted by the Council. A Member questioned whether the Town Council could lobby BCP Council to draft a policy for events.

RESOLVED that a motion be drafted regarding Events Policy to be considered by Full Council.

Voting: unanimous

171. Green Flag Award – Christchurch Quay

The Town Clerk provided Members with a verbal update on the Green Flag Award in Christchurch and advised that this had slipped through the net on transfer to the Council in shadow stage.

BCP Council informed the Town Council that the Green Flag Award was not on BCP land, but on Christchurch Town Council land. The Town Clerk had enquired with BCP officers what administration was required for the Green Flag Award submission. It was agreed that BCP officers would undertake the administration and that the Town Clerk would shadow the BCP Parks Team for the first year to get up to speed with the Green Flag award's submission.

Members were further informed that a Green Flag judging event would be held this year with a walk around which the Town Clerk would attend as BCP Council officers were unable to support this.

Member noted the verbal update on the Green Flag Award.

Voting: Nem. Com.

172. **Social Media Creation and Policy**

A report was submitted, a copy of which had been circulated to each member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'B' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Members were asked to consider the report on the creation of social media accounts and the adoption of a Social Media Policy.

A member suggested Instagram also, but members felt that for the first year Facebook and Twitter accounts should be created only.

RESOLVED that the Town Council:

- (a) creates Social Media Accounts on Facebook and Twitter;**
- (b) delegates to the Town Clerk the monitoring and maintenance of these accounts; and**
- (c) recommends to Full Council the attached Social Media and Online Presence Policy be adopted.**

Voting: unanimous

173. **Exempt Business**

RESOLVED to exclude the press and public pursuant to Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 due the following matters relating to the personal information of an individual and the confidential business affair of a third-party business.

Voting: unanimous

174. **Exempt – Meritorious Awards Consideration**

The Town Clerk informed the committee on a nomination made by Cllr Coulton for an individual to be granted a Meritorious Award by the Council.

175. **Exempt Circus Request – Christchurch Quay**

Members were informed on a request received to hold a circus event at Christchurch Quay.

The meeting ended at 7.24pm

CHAIRMAN