

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

8 September 2016

7.00 pm – 9.50 pm

Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud

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Minutes

Membership

Councillor Steve Robinson (Chair)	P	Councillor John Marjoram	A
Councillor Jonathan Edmunds (Vice-Chair)	P	Councillor Karen McKeown	P
Councillor George Butcher	P	Councillor Gill Oxley	P
Councillor Gordon Craig	P	Councillor Liz Peters	A
Councillor Alison Hayward	A	Councillor Nigel Prenter	P
Councillor John Jones	P	Councillor Penny Wride	P

P = Present A = Absent

Other Councillors Present

Councillor Mattie Ross, Simon Pickering, Steve Lydon, Nigel Cooper

Officers Present

Strategic Head of Customer Services	Principal Licensing Officer
Community & Facilities Manager	Senior Youth Officer
Accountancy Manager	Democratic Services Officer

Others Present

Members of the Youth Council

CSLC.009

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors John Marjoram, Alison Hayward and Liz Peters.

CSLC.010

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

CSLC.011

MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 29 June 2016 are confirmed and signed as a correct record.

CSLC.012 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

None received.

CSLC.013 **WORK PROGRAMME 2016/17**

The work programme was updated accordingly, with the following topics being included in future meetings:

- Options for the Joint Use Sports Centres - 8 December 2016
- Update on the Joint Use Centres – 30 March 2017
- Tourism update – member information sheet
- Update on Homelessness - member information sheet
- Sports development and health and wellbeing – member information evening

The Chair explained that all matters relating to Housing, which this Committee deals with, may be transferring to Housing Committee, this is still to be discussed and a decision made by Strategy and Resources Committee. It is thought that this would take place from December 2016.

The Strategic Head of Customer Services explained that a review of the Subscription Rooms was being undertaken by officers. This would be reported back to Members when the review is completed.

RESOLVED **To update the work programme as set out above.**

CSLC.014 **STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL TAXI FARES**

The Principal Licensing Officer presented the report. Members were asked to consider a proposal to increase Stroud District taxi fares, as they had not been reviewed since 2011. It was explained to Members how the rates and metres worked in relation to the starting rate, fare card, yardage and waiting time.

Mr. Day spoke on behalf of the Taxi Trade. There had been no increase in fares since 2011, this was requested now because of the increase in costs and insurance. The increases in the rates requested, reflect the type of trade at different times of day, such as Pensioners, train travellers, people having a night out. They were asking for Rate 3 to be brought forward to midnight from 1.00 am to reflect the evening trade.

Following questions from Members, it was proposed and seconded that a cross party task and finish group be set up to meet twice, to discuss issues and report back with recommendations to Committee in December.

RESOLVED **To set up a Task and Finish Group to meet twice and put forward recommendations to Committee on 8 December 2016.**

CSLC.015**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

The Police and Crime Commissioner, Martin Surl, gave a verbal report, updating Committee on policing within Stroud and across Gloucestershire. He attended with his colleagues Richard Bradley, Deputy Chief Executive and Andy Poole, Inspector for Stroud.

They updated Committee on the following issues:

- Policing Budget
- Accessibility and accountability in neighbourhood policing
- Young people
- Safer days and nights
- Police and Crime Plan
- Environmental footprint of vehicles and buildings.
- Animal welfare
- CCTV and neighbourhood watch
- Speed limits/road safety
- Sexual and Domestic abuse and support service.
- Open Day at Waterwells

Following their presentation Mr. Surl and his colleagues thanked the Committee for inviting him and his colleagues.

CSLC.016**BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2016/17 Q1**

The Accountancy Manager presented his report. This was the first monitoring report of the 2016/17 financial year, which set out a forecast of the outturn position against the revenue budget and capital programme for 2016/17.

RESOLVED

To note the outturn forecast for the General Fund Revenue budget and the Capital programme for this Committee.

CSLC.017**YOUTH WORK STRATEGY 2017 TO 2020**

The Senior Youth Officer presented the report to Committee. A task and finish group was formed 18 months ago by this Committee to look at the current and future youth work strategies. The draft Youth Work Strategy for 2017-2020 set out the continuing work for youth participation services in the district, using the established system and structure as a basis.

The Chair of the Youth Council spoke and reiterated that the Youth Council was more than just a youth shadow of the District Council, they campaign locally and work independently on issues concerning young people. They are members of the British Youth Council, enabling the local youth voice to be heard nationally.

RESOLVED

to approve the Youth Work Strategy 2017-2020;

RECOMMENDED to Strategy and Resources Committee that service delivery continues beyond March 2017 with an annual budget of £60,000 per year be considered as a budget proposal of the Community Services and Licensing Committee.

CSLC.018 **PERFORMANCE MONITORING**

Councillors Karen McKeown and John Jones presented a report to Committee highlighting the following areas:

- Collection of Council Tax
- The Risk Register
- Homelessness
- Joint Use Centres, Subscription Rooms and Kingshill House

CSLC.019 **APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES – UPDATE**

An update on representatives on outside bodies was given. A small task and finish group would be set up with representation from Councillors of this Committee and Environment Committee to look at the Council's representation on outside bodies and report back to a future meeting.

Councillor Gordon Craig explained that he had contacted Cotswold Tourism and was willing to sit on this outside body.

CSLC.020 **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

A question relating to neighbourhood wardens was received from Councillor Penny Wride, a reply was given by Councillor Steve Robinson. Councillor Wride also asked a supplementary question which was answered by the Community and Facilities Manager.

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

Chair