

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

7 September 2017

7.00 pm – 9.12 pm

Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud

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Minutes

Membership

Councillor Steve Robinson (Chair)	P	Councillor Karen McKeown	P
Councillor Jonathan Edmunds (Vice-Chair)	P	Councillor Gill Oxley	P
Councillor George Butcher	P	Councillor Nigel Prenter	P
Councillor Gordon Craig	A	Councillor Sue Reed	P
Councillor John Jones	P	Councillor Penny Wride	P
Councillor John Marjoram	A	1 Vacancy	

P = Present A = Absent

Other Councillors Present

Councillors Simon Pickering and Nigel Cooper

Officers Present

Strategic Head of Customer Services	Senior Youth Officer (Hear by Right)
Community & Facilities Manager	Democratic Services Officer
Accountant	
Revenue and Benefit Manager	

Others Present

Rebecca Hunt – Chair of SDYC
 Lauren Davies – SDYC rep for Stroud High School
 Paul Gibson – Councillor Rodborough Parish Council

Before the meeting started the Chair announced the death of Councillor Liz Peters. Members and officers stood for a 1 minute silence. Members remembered her character and all the work she had done both for the Council and in the community during her time as a District Councillor.

CSLC.012

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors John Marjoram and Gordon Craig.

CSLC.013

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

CSLC.014 **MINUTES – 27 JUNE 2017**

The Chair requested that amendments be made to minute no. CSLC.007 - the following paragraph should read:

The Chair read out a statement regarding two reports on protecting vulnerable children in Gloucestershire, one from Ofsted, critical of the County Council Children's Services (*not Safeguarding Board*) and one from the HMIC (*not HMIP*) critical of Gloucestershire Constabulary.

The Chair also updated committee that the following Information sheets had been published and circulated:

- Safeguarding Training at Stroud District Council
- Higher than average rates for under-18 self harm and alcohol related hospital admissions in the Stroud District

RESOLVED **That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 June 2017 are confirmed and signed as a correct record.**

CSLC.015 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

None received.

CSLC.016 **POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER – ANNUAL REPORT**

The Police and Crime Commissioner, Martin Surl attended the meeting to present his annual report which gave an overview of policing within the Stroud area and across Gloucestershire. He attended with his colleagues Richard Bradley, Deputy Chief Executive of the OPCC and Brian Clifford, Inspector.

They updated Committee on the following issues:

- Rod Hanson is the new Chief Constable for Gloucestershire with Gary Thompson, Assistant Chief Constable and Jon Stratford, Deputy Chief Constable.
- The acquisition of Stroud Magistrates Court.
- Police and Crime Plan
- Neighbourhood policing
- Commissioner's fund
- Fire Service
- Rural and Wildlife Crime
- ANPR Cameras

CSLC.017 **SDYC DELEGATE PRESENTATION ON THE UN's COMMISSION OF THE STATUS OF WOMEN**

Rebecca Hunt, Chair of SDYC and Lauren Davies, SDYC rep for Stroud High School attended the meeting and gave a presentation on the above topic. They explained that this body was dedicated to the promotion of gender equality.

CSLC.018 **WORK PROGRAMME**

The following items were discussed:

- Review of taxi fares – reconvening the Task and Finish Group
- Update on problems that Officers and the Licensing Panel have encountered, including an annual review of the outcomes of licensing applications.

CSLC.019 **MEMBER REPORTS**

- (a) The Stroud Subscription Rooms – the deadline for bids, to run the Sub rooms, is 15 September 2017 and an Information Evening will be held for Members following this deadline. A meeting of Strategy and Resources Committee will discuss the future of the Sub Rooms before Christmas.
- (b) Performance Monitoring – a report had been circulated to Members which focussed on Abandoned vehicles, and the museum. A regular update, on the Museum, was requested and will be added to the work programme as a member report by Councillor Marjoram.
- (c) Arts and Culture Task and Finish Group – an initial report had been circulated to Members. Councillor Jonathan Edmunds updated committee on the work carried out so far and recommendations which would be brought to Committee at a future meeting. Paul Gibson, who had been advising the group, attended Committee to update and advise them.
- (d) Police and Crime Panel – Councillor Karen McKeown gave an update.
- (e) County Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee – an update would be circulated to Members following the meeting.

CSLC.020 **BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2017/18 – REPORT 1**

The Accountant presented the report and outlined the 2017/18 forecast outturn position against the revenue budgets and Capital programme. This was the first report of the financial year, there was a summary of the MTFP and the challenges budget holders face in the financial climate.

- RECOMMENDED** **TO STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**
- a) the Capital Budget for Community Building Investment is reduced from £180,000 to £50,000**
- RESOLVED** **b) to note the outturn forecast for the General Fund Revenue budget and the Capital programme for this Committee.**

CSLC.021 **DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF SCHEME**

The Revenue and Benefits Manager presented the report and explained that support for businesses, facing an increase in business rates, following the 2017 revaluation, would be available through the scheme.

- RESOLVED**
- a) To adopt the Discretionary Rate Relief Scheme for the period 01 April 2017 to 31 March 2021; and
 - b) To authorise the Strategic Head (Customer Services) in consultation with the Committee Chair and Section 151 Officer, to make minor alterations to the scheme referred to in 2.4.

CSLC.022 **CAPITAL PROJECTS MONITORING**

Strategic Head of Customer Services gave an update on the following projects:

- (a) Stroud Town Centre Assets – The transfer of Stroud Cemetery, Bank Gardens and Sims Clock was transferred to Stroud Town Council with a one off capital allocation/payment to Stroud Town Council of £130,000 on 31 March 2017 (This also links in with the decision box on the budget monitoring report to reduce the Capital Budget for the Community Building Investment from £180k to £50k) for the ongoing upkeep.
- (b) Kingshill House – £100,000 capital allocation – discussions are taking place with Kingshill House Trust with a view to them taking over the freehold interest. Refurbishment of the cottage adjacent to Kingshill House is taking place.
- (c) Stratford Park Lido – Investment of £200,000 to make it more useable for customers and extend the opening hours. A public consultation is taking place on 30 September at Stratford Park a capital bid will be put into the Heritage Lottery Fund.

RESOLVED **To note the report.**

CSLC.023 **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

There were none.

The meeting closed at 9.12 pm.

Chair