

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

28 November 2019

7.00 pm – 8.40 pm

Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud

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Minutes

Membership

Councillor Mattie Ross (Chair)	P	Councillor Gill Oxley	A
Councillor Jonathan Edmunds (Vice-Chair)	P	Councillor Nigel Prenter	P
Councillor Gordon Craig	P	Councillor Sue Reed	A
Councillor John Jones	A	Councillor Steve Robinson	P
Councillor Norman Kay	P	Councillor Brian Tipper	P
Councillor Darren Loftus	A	Councillor Ken Tucker	P

P = Present A = Absent

Other Member(s) in Attendance

Councillor Cornell

Officers in Attendance

Head of Community Services	Senior Youth Officer
Accountant	Revenue and Benefits Manager
Strategic Director of Resources	Democratic Services & Elections Officer

Others in Attendance

Helen March, Chairperson of Stroud Youth Council
 Miki Bailey, Stroud Youth Council Principal Member for Anti-Bullying
 Representatives from Cam, Dursley, Stroud, Chalford and Hardwicke Youth Forums and also Archway and Rednock Schools

CSLC.023

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jones, Oxley, Read and Tipper.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

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MINUTES – 5 SEPTEMBER 2019

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 September 2019 are confirmed and signed as a correct record.

CSLC.026 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were none.

CSLC.027 **YOUTH WORK STRATEGY 2020-2024**

The Senior Youth Officer outlined the draft Youth Work Strategy which had been developed by a Task and Finish Group and had been widely consulted upon. The Strategy would encourage closer working practices with the youth of the district through the Stroud District Youth Council (SDYC) and local youth forums.

Both representatives of the SDYC demonstrated how powerful their experiences were, in particular mentioning the impact of various youth forums across the District. The forums allowed young people to voice opinions, be listened to and be a part of a decision making process.

The Chair thanked all of the young people who had attended the meeting tonight and also thanked the members of the Task and Finish Group, including Officers especially Nikki Humphries.

Members were very touched and proud of the SDYC, the forums across the District and the valuable work that they were involved in. The British Youth Council held the SDYC in high regard.

The Senior Youth Officer confirmed that SDYC were involved in a wide range of issue based projects including health and emotional wellbeing, and had helped with clinical commissioning groups and making GP surgeries more youth friendly.

In response to a question regarding the budget the Head of Community Services confirmed that the budget of £103k was made up from 3 budgets; £60k – Youth Strategy and £43k - Senior Youth Officer and Hear by Right.

All Members were very supportive of the Strategy and referred to the work that had already been undertaken in their own wards.

The Chair invited the SDYC representatives to give all Members an update prior to the next Committee meeting.

RESOLVED **To approve the Youth Work Strategy 2020-2024.**

CSLC.028 **COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**
REVENUE ESTIMATES – REVISED 2019/20 AND ORIGINAL
2020/21

The Accountant outlined the above report which was the budget setting report for this Committee and drew Members' attention to Appendix B – Schedule of Fees and Charges.

In response to a question the Head of Community Services confirmed the need for a review of all of the amenities within Stratford Park. A report relating to Stratford Park Leisure Centre would be presented at the next Committee meeting. Stroud College have declined to pay a service charge subsidy for the use of the car park which is free of charge for up to 12 hours. This will result in a loss of income to the Council.

Members raised the point of the possibility of engaging a person to work part-time on Arts and Culture, if there was any monies left over from the review. The Head of Community Services confirmed this would need to be done in consultation with the S151 Officer. The Officer could then apply for grant funding on behalf of the Council. It was suggested that if the tender process was commenced initiatives and ideas for the use of the area could come forward.

The Head of Community Services clarified that Stratford Park stood in approximately a 56 acre site, and consisted of a leisure centre, outdoor pool, a museum, park activities ie tennis, band stand and car parking. A review of the whole park was needed urgently as a whole package. This will be within the future Corporate Delivery Plan with the new Strategic Director of Communities leading this project.

- RECOMMENDED TO STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**
- a. **The revised Community Services and Licensing revenue budget for 2019/20 and original 2020/21 revenue budget are approved.**
 - b. **The Fees and Charges list as shown at Appendix B is approved.**
 - c. **That the Culture, Arts and Leisure Reserve is committed to fund a full strategic review of the activities of the Council and partners at Stratford Park.**

CSLC.029 **COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING BUDGET MONITORING REPORT Q2 2019/20**

The Accountant introduced the above report which was a forecast from the budget holders of where they expected their budgets to be at year end.

- RESOLVED** **To note the outturn forecast for the General Fund Revenue budget and the Capital Programme for this Committee.**

CSLC.030 **COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME**

The Head of Community Services confirmed that following the retirement of the Director of Customer Services the scheme was under the authority of the Strategic Director of Resources. However, following the appointment, priority would be given for a full review to be undertaken by the new Strategic Director of Communities.

The Chair stated that groups that did receive grant funding from the Council should give regular reports and also use the Council's logo. Councillor Robinson confirmed that in the past, as Chair of Committee, he had discussed grant funding with the former Director of Customer Services (who had delegated authority). The Head of Revenue and Benefits confirmed that all of the organisations currently receiving a grant from the Council had been contacted to confirm that they would be receiving their grant for the next financial year but not to assume any funding after the review.

- RESOLVED**
- a. **To agree to extend the Community Grant Scheme in 2020/21.**
 - b. **To award the funding as set out in Appendix A in line with previous arrangements.**
 - c. **To delegate authority to the incoming Strategic Director of Communities to carry out a full review of the Council's grants budget and allocation processes.**

CSLC.031 **WORK PROGRAMME**

To invite the SDYC to give all Members an update prior to the next Committee meeting.

CSLC.032 **MEMBER REPORTS**a. Youth Service Task and Finish Group

Refer to Agenda Item 5 - Youth Work Strategy 2020-2024.

b. County Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee

A report from Councillor Lydon had been circulated prior to the meeting.

c. Museum in the Park

Councillor Prenter had provided a report which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

d. Police and Crime Panel

Councillor Robinson provided an update. A lot of police time was being spent dealing with people with mental health issues. Martin Surl had been working with the Clinical Commission Group and a Mental Health Nurse. From Monday-Thursday a car with Police and a Mental Health Nurse worked in the district to assist people with mental health issues. This is working well. From September only 15% of Police time had been spent on dealing with crime in Gloucestershire.

e. Gfirst LEP – Visitor Economy/Tourism Business Group

Councillor Craig had circulated his report to Committee prior to the meeting.

f. Citizens Advice

Councillor Craig had circulated his report to Committee prior to the meeting. He would find out how much support Cirencester gave their CAB.

g. Gloucestershire Taxi Meeting

Councillor Ross confirmed that there was talk of standardisation.

CSLC.033 **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

There were none.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Chair