

CHRISTCHURCH TOWN COUNCIL

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 December 2020 at 6.00pm via Zoom conferencing facilities

Present:-

Chairman: Cllr F F T Neale

Present: Cllr Mrs S Bungey, Cllr A E Coulton, Cllr C A Gardiner, Cllr W Grace, Cllr G R Jarvis, Cllr G E E Polson, and Cllr Mrs S Spittle.

Also in attendance: Cllr V Charrett

Apologies: Cllr S J McCormack

Officers present: Daniel Lucas, Town Clerk and Susan Roxby, Administrative Support Officer.

Members of the Public present: 1

Members of the Press present: None present

168. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

169. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 October 2020 were agreed and signed as an accurate record subject to Cllr Tarling being added to the attendance record as also being in attendance.

Voting: unanimous

170. Public Participation

There was no public participation on this occasion.

171. Public Questions

There were no questions from the public on this occasion.

172. Replacement Trees at Christchurch Quay

Members were asked to decide on species replacement for two failed Willows at Christchurch Quay.

The Town Clerk informed Members that given the site is a Conservation Area it was prudent that replacement trees were planted. The Town Council's consultant recommended replacement with either Stone Pine, Holm Oak or Turkish Hazel given the location and exposure to prevailing winds and that Willows here seemed unsuitable. The Local Planning Authority disagreed and recommended replacement with White Willow, Alder or Aspen. Upon seeking further advice, the Council's consultant had recommended Alder as the suitable replacement. Two nurseries have been recommended and been contacted and quoted as follows:

- 1) Hilliers: Common Alder, 16-18cm girth, 5m height
£150 per tree, Stakes £6, Tie/Spacer £3.
£250 delivery. All prices exclusive of VAT;
- 2) Landford Trees: Common Alder, 16-18cm girth 5m height
£95 per tree, strapping and ties £11.70 per tree. All prices exclusive of VAT. Delivery can coincide with other supply they are doing in the area.

The chairman stated that it would be fitting to dedicate a replacement tree in memory of the late Honorary Freeman, Councillor Colin Bungey.

Cllr Mrs Spittle joined the meeting at 6.14pm.

RESOLVED that:

- a) **2 replacement high quality specimen size Common Alder trees be purchased, along with any necessary protective fencing, stakes etc; and**
- b) **the Town Clerk be delegated to proceed with the quotation from Landford Trees and purchase 2 Common Alder Trees and to arrange for delivery and replanting as follows:**
 - **16-18cm girth 5m height**
 - **£95 per tree, strapping and ties £11.70 per tree**
 - **all prices exclusive of VAT; and**
- c) **the Town Clerk be delegated to arrange for one of the replacement trees to be dedicated in the memory of the late**

Honorary Freeman, Councillor Colin Bungey and the wording on the plaque be arranged in consultation with the Deputy Mayor.

Voting: unanimous

173. Tree Works Required at Christchurch Quay

Members previously had circulated the Council's Tree Survey conducted by Hayden's Arboricultural Consultants for health and safety matters relating to the trees at Christchurch Quay. Members were advised in the survey that certain trees needed tending to within a six-month window.

The Chairman stated that bird boxes could be placed on the tree stumps to consider to the environment. Other members disagreed and thought that the tree stumps should be removed to keep the greenery flat.

The Town Clerk advised that if the trees were still living, that they would be protected and therefore no action could be taken to remove the tree stumps or add bird boxes. Members agreed that further investigations should be undertaken and reported back.

Comprehensive discussion took place regarding the removal of the failed trees to be replaced with Alders. Members agreed that the Arboricultural Consultant be instructed to deal with matters arising identified in the Arboricultural report.

RESOLVED that:

- a) Hayden's Arboricultural Consultants be instructed to act on behalf of the Town Council in liaising, negotiating, preparing and submitting any application as required by the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and any associated Tree Regulations and or Conservation Area matters for those trees identified as required felling; and**
- b) an update be provided as to the state of those 3 trees identified as questionable and requiring secondary investigations.**

Voting: unanimous

174. Community Grants Scheme

The Town Clerk advised Members that there was still budget to extend the Community Grants scheme for a second round of applications and awards.

RESOLVED that:

- a) the Town Clerk opens the window for applications on the 21st of December 2020 and updates the website/social media accordingly. The deadline for receipt of applications shall be 4 weeks hence from that date being the 18th January 2021 at the close of business (5pm); and
- b) the Town Clerk summons the Community Grants Working Group as necessary to put into effect the second round of applications and awards as to be agreed by Full Council at a future date.

Voting: unanimous

175. Mayors Mead Carpark and Boat-parking

Cllr Coulton provided members with an update on Mayors Mead Carpark and Boat Parking. Members were presented with a map of Mayors Mead Winter Boat parking, a copy of which appears as appendix 'A' to these minutes in the minute book. Members noted that 56 bays were used for Winter Boat Parking during 1st October to 31st March.

RESOLVED that the verbal update be noted.

Voting: unanimous

The meeting ended at 7.01pm

CHAIRMAN