

CHRISTCHURCH TOWN COUNCIL

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 February 2022 at 6.00pm at Christchurch Library, Room 14, High Street, Christchurch, BH23 1AW

Present:-

Chairman: Cllr A E Coulton

Vice-Chairman: Cllr G R Jarvis

Present: Cllr Mrs S Bungey, Cllr V Charrett, Cllr L Dedman, Cllr C A Gardiner and Cllr Mrs S Spittle.

Apologies: Cllr S McCormack

Officers present: Daniel Lucas, Town Clerk
Susan Roxby, Democratic Services Officer

Members of the Public present: 5

Members of the Press present: 0

331. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Spittle declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No.337 (Tuttons Well) as she is a Guide Ambassador and remained present, but took no part in the voting thereon.

332. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2021 were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

Voting: unanimous

Proposed: Cllr V Charrett

Seconded: Cllr C Gardiner

333. Public Participation

The CEO of Onyx (a partner in Christchurch Food Festival) spoke in relation to minute no. 341 (Christchurch Food Festival Application).

A representative from Circus Zyair spoke in relation to agenda item no. 340 (Circus Zyair 2022 Application)

The Town Clerk read out a statement from an elector on agenda item no. 340 (Circus Zyair 2022 Application).

334. Public Questions

There were no questions from the public on this occasion.

335. Community Speed Indicators

The Town Clerk updated Members that a resident had complained about speeding in Sopers Lane which was previously raised at Committee. Feedback had been received from BCP Council advising that traffic monitoring had been undertaken and that the road did not meet the criteria at that time for a Speed Indicator Device (SID) or Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS). Since the input from the Highways Engineer BCP had approved a Minor Transport Works Policy which included a criteria for assessment of SID's or VAS requests. Members felt that the issue at Sopers Lane should be revisited by BCP Council given that the policy now adopted outdates the original response from its Highway Engineer and that the traffic monitoring at this site was conducted during lockdown. The Town Council was also in contact with Twynham school regarding their concerns for speeding issues in Sopers Lane. The Town Clerk advised the Committee that the Projects Officer is liaising again with BCP Council to see if a further assessment can be conducted now, in light of the newly adopted Policy and any developments shall be reported back to Committee.

RESOLVED that the verbal report be noted.

336. Creedy Footpath Lights

The Chairman informed Members that a further response from BCP was awaited regarding the lights not working at Creedy footpath.

RESOLVED that the verbal report be noted.

337. Tuttons Well

The Town Clerk updated Members on 3 quotations received for works to be carried out at Tuttons Well for the culvert and stream to be cleared out and a fence installed.

A member requested that brambles at Tuttons Well should also be removed.

The Town Clerk raised the issue that by removing the brambles it may compromise the culvert and make it collapse.

Another Members stated that the bird nesting season should also be considered before the clearance works were to commence.

Members agreed to defer the item until a site visit had been undertaken to see actually what clearance works were required.

RESOLVED that the Town Council:

- a) obtains a landscape gardener's opinion on what clearance works are required at Tuttons Well; and**
- b) defers this item to be considered at a future meeting of the Community Committee.**

Voting: unanimous

Proposed: Cllr L Dedman
Seconded: Cllr C Gardiner

Cllr Spittle declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item as she is a Guide Ambassador and remained present but took no part in the voting thereon.

338. Avon Beach

The Chairman informed Members that a further update had yet to be received from BCP Council regarding seaweed on Avon Beach.

RESOLVED that the verbal report be noted.

339. P12 2021 Parking Restrictions Proposals Autumn Review 2021 – BCP Consultation Response

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

The Town Clerk informed Members that under his delegation the Town Council's objection to parking restrictions proposals in Christchurch had been forwarded to BCP.

RESOLVED that the verbal report be noted.

340. Circus Zyair 2022 Application

Members were asked to consider an application received to site the circus at Christchurch Quay.

The Town Clerk read out a statement from an elector raising concerns that the Quomps was an unsuitable venue to hold the circus as it was not large enough. The Circus would be close to residents' gardens and the big top was only 70 metres from their house and he felt this was completely unacceptable. He considered that the circus should be held on Stanpit where there was more room, and if this was not possible then it should be sited on somewhere like the events field at Hurn Airport where it would be of no bother to anyone.

A representative from Circus Zyair spoke via Zoom Conferencing facilities informing Members that the Stanpit Recreational Ground had previously been used to hold the circus. BCP Council Parks department had advised that due to issues at the site that they were not able to hold the circus at Stanpit and therefore they had applied to hold the circus at the Quomps.

Members were further informed that there had been a longer build time last year due to the stringent covid measures and with the social distancing measures the operating capacity had been 25%. To make the circus feasible more shows had been held, but this would not happen this year as the extra shows were not required as the covid restrictions had been lifted.

Members questioned if the circus could be held at the Barrack Road site and were informed that circuses were not allowed to be held at Barrack Road as it was a village green.

Members also questioned if the circus could be held at Hurn and were informed that Circus Zyair wanted to keep the circus in Christchurch as it

had a good following and was very popular, and that there was already a circus operating in the Bournemouth area.

A Member stated that Hurn was not in the Bournemouth area and that it was in Hurn Parish.

Members were informed that the motor bike acts now had silencers attached and would be quieter. There would be warm up of the bikes, but no practicing of the bikes outside of the show hours.

RESOLVED that:

- a) **the Town Clerk be delegated to grant a licence to Circus Zyair to site the circus at Christchurch Quay on the following dates:**

Event Set-up: 11th July 2022

Event Start-date: 13th July 2022

Event End-date: 17th July 2022

Event Breakdown: 17th July 2022

- b) **a Circus Zyair operator to provide a phone number for communication regarding any issues on show days;**
c) **free Circus Zyair tickets are given to residents in the close vicinity to the Quomps site; and**
d) **there be no practicing by use of motor bikes.**

Voting: unanimous

Proposed: Cllr L Dedman

Seconded: Cllr G Jarvis

341. Christchurch Food Festival Application

Members were asked to consider an application from Christchurch Food Festival on the following dates:

2022

Pop Up Restaurant Build - Tuesday 24th May and Wednesday 25th May (reduced to 2 days)

Pop Up Restaurant Open - Thursday 26th May and Sunday 5th June (open in two phases - not continually open between the 26th May and 5th June)

Food Festival Build - Monday 30th May to Wednesday 1st June (reduced to 3 days). Mark out on Sunday 29th May

Food Festival Open - Thursday 2nd June to Sunday 5th June

Food Festival and Pop Up Restaurant Breakdown - Monday 6th June and Tuesday 7th June

2023

Food Festival Open - Saturday 27th May to Monday 29th May (Four day build Two day break)

Pop up options still being considered

2024

Food Festival Open - Saturday 25th May to Monday 27th May (Four day build Two day break)

Pop up options still being considered

The Chief Executive Officer of Onyx (a joint partner in Christchurch Food Festival) gave a presentation to Members advising that they had taken over the event in 2019 and that a security of tender was required, and they were looking for security over the next 3 years.

Members questioned if the event was just to be held on the Quomps or extended to the High Street and were informed that it would be held just on the Quomps.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk be delegated to grant a licence to the Christchurch Food Festival for 3 years as per the dates submitted in their application.

Voting: unanimous

Proposed: Cllr V Charrett

Seconded: Cllr L Dedman

342. Classic Cars Event

Members were informed that the Classic Cars on the Quay 2022 event would be held on the following dates:

1st May 2022

22nd May 2022

19th June 2022

24th July 2022

4th September 2022

25th September 2022

RESOLVED that the verbal report be noted.

343. Scout and Guide St Georges Day Parade Application

The Town Clerk informed Members that an application had been received to hold the Scout and Guide St Georges Day Parade on Sunday, 24 April 2022 on the Quomps.

RESOLVED that the verbal report be noted.

344. Hengist Group of Artists Application

The Town Clerk informed Members that an application for the Hengist Group of Artists to display their artwork at Christchurch Bandstand on various dates in June, July and August during 2022.

RESOLVED that the verbal report be noted.

The meeting ended at 7.15pm

CHAIRMAN