



Christchurch Town Council

Old Town Hall
30 High Street
Christchurch
BH23 1AY

Community Committee Agenda

Tuesday, 25 October 2022, 6.00pm

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the **Christchurch Town Council** to be held at Christchurch Library, Room 14, High Street, Christchurch, BH23 1AW **on Tuesday, 25 October 2022 at 6.00pm.**

Membership:

Chairman: Cllr S J McCormack

Vice Chairman: Cllr Mrs S Bungey

Cllr V Charrett

Cllr A Coulton

Cllr C A Gardiner

Cllr W Grace

Cllr G R Jarvis

Cllr R D Luscombe

Cllr Mrs S Spittle

The business to be transacted is set out overleaf

Vanessa Ricketts FSLCC
Interim Town Clerk

19 October 2022

Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence.

2. Declaration of Interests

Members are reminded that any disclosable pecuniary interests must be declared including any issues which may arise through predetermination of bias.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Committee held on 28 June 2022 (copy attached).

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4. Public Participation

In accordance with the Council's Standing Orders the period of time designated for Public Participation cannot exceed 15 minutes unless directed by the Chairman of the meeting and a member of the public shall not speak for more than 5 minutes.

5. Public Questions

Members of the public who wish to ask a question at the meeting shall give notice to the Town Clerk of the question no later than 12 noon on the working day before the meeting is on. The question stated in the notice shall be the question asked at the meeting. The Chairman will call on those wishing to speak in turn, each questioner being allowed to speak for a maximum of 3 minutes. Those wishing to speak shall state their name and address.

6. Events at the Quomps

Members to discuss the use of the Quomps for music events and to consider concerns of the occupiers of neighbouring residential properties over the sound level of the music events.

7. Legacy Path at Gundimore Beach

Members to consider the maintenance and repair of the Legacy Path which runs from Avon Beach to Mudeford Quay to improve

accessibility for people with wheelchairs, buggies and anyone with walking difficulties.

8. Community Grants

To open the window for the first half of Community Grant applications to be received.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) Open the window for Community Grant Applications to be received for 1 month with effect from the date of the Community Committee meeting held on 25 October 2022; and
- 2) Delegates to the Interim Town Clerk to advertise on the Council's website that the window for applications for Community Grants is open for 1 month.

9. Byelaw options to stop antisocial behaviour in the Fountain Roundabout Underpass

At the request of Cllr McCormack, members to discuss byelaw options to stop street drinkers gathering in the Fountain Roundabout underpass and to prevent antisocial behaviour.

10. Defibrillators

Members to discuss the installation/use of a defibrillator that was purchased by the Christchurch Carnival Committee. Cllr Charrett to provide additional information.

11. Update about the Neighbourhood Plan

Members to receive a verbal update from the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group's Chairman about the undergoing works of the Working Group.

No other items of business can be considered unless the Chairman decides the matter is urgent for reasons that must be specified and recorded in the Minutes.

CHRISTCHURCH TOWN COUNCIL

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on 28 June 2022 at 6.00pm at Christchurch Library,
Room 14, High Street, Christchurch, BH23 1AW

Present:-

Chairman: Cllr S McCormack

Vice-Chairman: Cllr Mrs S Bungey

Present: Cllr V Charrett, Cllr Coulton, Cllr G R Jarvis, Cllr R D Luscombe
and Cllr Mrs S Spittle.

Apologies: Cllr C A Gardiner and Cllr W Grace.

Officers present: James Atkinson, Project Officer, Daniel Lucas, Town Clerk and
Susan Roxby, Democratic Services Officer.

Members of the Public present: 36

Members of the Press present: 0

53. Election of Chairman

RESOLVED that Cllr S McCormack be appointed Chairman of the Committee for the 2022/2023 Municipal Year.

Voting: unanimous

Proposed: Cllr G Jarvis
Seconded: Cllr Mrs S Bungey

54. Election of Vice-Chairman

RESOLVED that Cllr Mrs S Bungey be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the 2022/2023 Municipal Year.

Voting: unanimous

Proposed: Cllr S Spittle
Seconded: Cllr S McCormack

55. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

56. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 April 2022 were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

Voting: unanimous

Proposed: Cllr A Coulton

Seconded: Cllr V Charrett

57. Public Participation

The Chairman of the Friends of Druitt Gardens spoke at Community Committee concerning matters being dealt with at the extraordinary Full Council meeting held immediately after this meeting. He raised concerns for the demolition of Druitt Hall. He stated that there would be considerable damage to wildlife and biodiversity in the gardens and that the educational garden site would be torn up and destroyed.

An elector spoke at Community Committee concerning matters at the extraordinary Full Council meeting held immediately after this meeting. He raised concerns that if Druitt Hall was replaced by a new two storey building it would impact Druitt Gardens with the need for an access road and cause material changes to the garden area. He felt that the Council could be provided with an office by glazing the ground floor area beneath the Old Town Hall. A copy of the statement appears as appendix 'A' to these minutes in the minute book

An elector spoke at Community Committee concerning matters at the extraordinary Full Council meeting held immediately after this meeting. She stated that any attempt to demolish Druitt Hall would cause disappointment and be met with resistance by residents. She further stated that there was a far more urgent issue which would have a devastating impact on the town and that was the loss of Waitrose car park. She suggested the Council take whatever steps necessary to secure the car park for the town. A copy of the statement appears as appendix 'B' to these minutes in the minute book

58. Public Questions

An elector raised the following questions:

- 1) Will the Council give assurance that they will dismiss any plans, for the foreseeable future, involving the demolition of the DrUITT Hall?
- 2) Will the Council give assurance that, despite some councillors' determination to obtain a new building, the Council will not take out the significant loan that would be required to fund a replacement?
- 3) Will the Council give assurance that they will work with the DrUITT Hall Community Association (DHCA) to maintain the current building which is not only possible but very feasible especially when the true facts about the current condition of the building are accepted?

The Town Clerk informed the elector that the Council would respond to her questions by letter if she had not received the answers to her questions in the ensuing debate.

59. Asset of Community Value – Bypass Car Park

Following BCP Council's decision not to sell By-Pass Car Park (Waitrose Car Park) to the Town Council, Members were asked to consider whether the Committee wished to recommend to Full Council that the Town Council submits an application to BCP Council for the car park to be listed as an Asset of Community Value pursuant to Part 5, Chapter 3 of the Localism Act 2011 and associated Regulations.

Cllr Charrett informed the committee that the car park was an ancient Saxon site and should be protected.

RECOMMENDED to Full Council that:

- a) **the Council makes an application to BCP Council to nominate By-Pass Car Park (Waitrose Car Park) as an Asset of Community Value in accordance with the Localism Act 2011; and**
- b) **the Town Clerk be delegated to write to BCP Council to take this forward accordingly.**

Voting: unanimous

Proposed: Cllr R D Luscombe

Seconded: Cllr Mrs S Spittle

60. DrUITT Gardens Signage

Cllr Coulton raised that the Council should consider whether to put up signage in DrUITT Gardens to deter people from feeding the squirrels and pigeons which encouraged rodents, and also to put up no cycling signs.

RESOLVED that the Project Officer be delegated to investigate the costs and designs for signage at DrUITT Gardens for consideration at a future meeting of the Community Committee.

Voting: unanimous

Proposed: Cllr A Coulton

Seconded: Cllr V Charrett

The meeting ended at 6.30pm

CHAIRMAN