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Minutes of the Services Committee Meeting

held on Monday 26th April 2021

via video conferencing in accordance with

The Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Meetings)
(England) Regulations 2020

PRESENT

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr. R. Widdowson (Chair)
Cllr. E. Banks
Cllr. T. Bounds
Cllr. M. Fitton
Cllr. D. Redmayne

Liz Kelso – Town Clerk
3 members of the public

Agenda item

Actions

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| Serv 005-21 | 1. | Apologies, declarations of interest and requests for dispensation
Apologies were noted from Cllrs. J. Dennis, J. Gardner & F. Hawkins.
There were no declarations of interest and no requests for dispensation | |
| Serv 006-21 | 2. | Minutes of the meeting held on 15th February 2021
It was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 th February 2021 which had been previously circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a true record of proceedings at that meeting. | |
| Serv 007-21 | 3 | Bus Service Provision in Kington
Members noted a report from Cllr. Gardner on research she has undertaken with regard to bus provision requesting that the town council considers an approach to Herefordshire Council requesting a discussion with the cabinet member for transport matters on bus provision. There was some confusion as to whether the town council were being asked to support an approach by KLEEN on this subject but after some discussion and the implications of this on the requirement to declare an interest under the Code of Conduct it was agreed to refer the request to full council at the next available meeting. | |

3 **Standing Agenda items**

a) **Buildings currently occupied by the Town Council and such other buildings that can be determined as Community Assets**

The Clerk reported that Herefordshire Council were to carry out a fire survey at the Market Hall.

Members also noted that as part of the discussions of one of the focus groups for Herefordshire Council's economic development plans, it was reported that Herefordshire Council's policy on Community Asset Transfers has changed from transfer of freehold interest to the granting of a long lease with provision for ongoing liability for rental payments to Herefordshire Council. This represents a major shift in policy and impacts directly on the transfer of assets to the Town Council.

b) **Public Conveniences**

There was nothing to report on the current public conveniences.

c) **Provision for young people**

There was nothing further to report on this subject matter although it was noted that the proposed discussion on transport impacts on provision for young people

d) **Tourism and Tourist Information Centre**

It was noted that the Chamber of Trade has indicated that they will take part in a town clean up to include a review of the tourist boards in town to encourage a return to Kington by tourists to support post covid measures. Members also noted comments on the planters around town and their upkeep, referring these to the Environment Committee.

e) **Arts, Culture and Museum Provision**

Nothing to report on this agenda item. Members questioned the re-opening of the library and it was agreed to follow this up.

f) **Social care, support services and information and advice provision**

It was reported that an approach has been received from the Citizens Advice Bureau for the provision of debt advice in Kington, funded by Herefordshire Council. The library was suggested as a location and it was agreed that an informal meeting be set up to discuss this further with the CAB.

g) **Health Provision and Care**

Members noted that second vaccinations are now being booked through the surgery although noted that some vaccinations are booked through the surgery and some via the NHS booking system. The surgery were congratulated on the way vaccinations have been handled. Lateral flow tests are now available through the pharmacy in Kington.

There was no further news on the proposed NHS day in June.

h) **Leisure Centre**

There was nothing to report under this agenda item.

i) **LHS Foundation**

There was nothing to report under this agenda item

j) **Educational provision**

There was nothing to report under this agenda item.

k) **Markets**

There was nothing to report under this agenda item

Serv 009-21

4. **Date of next meeting and items for the next agenda**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 21st June 2021. There were no items raised for the next meeting.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

Signed

Chair of Services Committee

Date