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KIRKLEES COUNCIL

DISTRICT COMMITTEE - KIRKLEES RURAL

Saturday 25th February 2017

Present: Councillor Michael Watson (Chair)
Councillors B Armer, D Bellamy, J Dodds, C Greaves,
E Holroyd-Doveton, T Lyons, A Marchington, H Richards,
J Taylor, G Turner, N Turner and R Walker

Co-optees: J Shone

Parish Council Representatives: R Brook and R Noon

Apologies: Councillor's C Iredale, N Patrick, R Smith and Co-optee K Armitage

In attendance: Approximately 20 members of public

1 Welcomes and Introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Minutes of previous meeting

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 22nd November 2016 be approved as a correct record.

3 Interests

Councillor Richards declared an Other Interest in item 9, District Committee Devolved Budget Report regarding the proposal to allocate funding to improve Golcar Library Garden as a member of the Friends of Library Group, and declared an Other Interest in the proposal to allocate funding to the Weaving Women's Project as a committee member and trustee of Colne Valley Museum, and remained in the meeting.

4 Admission of the public

It was agreed that an amended proposal from Slaithwaite Civic Hall Trust under item 9 District Committee Devolved Budget be considered as a late, urgent item for the reason that the Trust's financial situation has changed since submission of the original application.

It was agreed that all items be discussed in public session.

5 The Comoodle Platform

Duggs Carre, Comoodle Programme Manager gave a presentation on how community groups and individuals can borrow and share skills such as IT, social media, equipment and space or venues for community benefit.

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There were many examples of this taking place across the Kirklees Rural area. Council equipment no longer in use was being passed on to community groups to look after for others to borrow.

The updated Comoodle Website included a blog, space to post stories and activities and a facility to make wishes.

There was a need to address issues of trust around the borrowing of equipment; returning items and returning them in the condition they were lent. It was up to groups and individuals lending to decide who they would lend their equipment to. The concept was that items were free to borrow though people could ask for a donation to cover any costs. Generally Council equipment was free to borrow though there could be a charge for example to transport large items.

RESOLVED – That Duggs Carre be thanked for providing the information.

6 The Green Space Strategy, Service Standards for Parks and Open Spaces and Natural Kirklees

Rob Dalby, Parks and Greenspaces Manager and Andy Wickham, Volunteer Co-ordinator provided information on the service standards for parks and open spaces in the Kirklees Rural district for 2017-18 and the work of the Council with Natural Kirklees.

The approach is to facilitate groups and individuals who have aspirations for the use of local land as community spaces for example the Golcar Lily Environment Group is identifying small pieces of land, how they can be used and renovated, bringing in funding to do it and getting involved in the work. The benefits for participants include improved mental and physical health as well as social.

Natural Kirklees is an umbrella organisation for voluntary and friends of groups. Support and expertise is available from the network as well as free insurance (which includes Public Rights of Way) and hand tools are available to borrow from the shed at Beaumont Park and at Wilton Park, Batley via the Natural Kirklees website.

There would be discussion with Comoodle about whether the tools could be available to borrow on the Comoodle platform. Groups were being asked what training they needed.

There is no public access to the Council's land mapping system. People with a specific piece of land in mind can check with Kirklees Council to see whether the Council owns the land or where the nearest Council sites are.

RESOLVED – That the service standards be noted and that Rob Dalby and Andy Wickham be thanked for the presentation on the work with Natural Kirklees.

7 Community Projects - Feedback

Updates from groups on the community impact of projects funded by the Committee were noted;

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Honley Business Association regarding Honley Christmas lights 2016

Holmfirth Christmas Lights Team regarding the 2016 lights

Milnsbridge Village Hall regarding Christmas lunch

Clayton West Cricket Club regarding new mower and roller

Aspire Trust regarding the toy library

RESOLVED – That the updates be received.

8 **Huddersfield Narrow Canal Consultation**

The Committee noted how people can get involved in the City Connect public consultation proposal to improve the 4.6 km of the tow path between Longroyd Lane in Huddersfield and Low Westwood Lane opposite Titanic Mills.

The proposal is to widen the canal tow path where possible, resurface it, relay and repoint the cobbles to improve access and improve signage.

RESOLVED – That the information be noted.

9 **District Committee Devolved Budgets Report**

(It was agreed that an amended proposal from Slaithwaite Civic Hall Trust be considered as a late, urgent item for the reason that the Trust's financial situation has changed since submission of the original application).

(Councillor Richards declared an Other Interest in item 9, District Committee Devolved Budget Report regarding the proposal to allocate funding to improve Golcar Library Garden as a member of the Friends of Library Group, and declared an Other Interest in the proposal to allocate funding to the Weaving Women's Project as a committee member and trustee of Colne Valley Museum, and remained in the meeting).

The Committee considered a number of proposals for funding:-

RESOLVED:-

- (1) That the following decisions be noted:
 - (a) £500 revenue for CCTV in Holme Valley North (approved 15/12/2016). Change of use, work with young girls at Honley High School, diversionary activity April 2017.
 - (b) £205 revenue grant towards equipment for Milnsbridge Village Hall Christmas Lunch (approved 13/12/2016)

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- (2) That the following underspend be noted:
- (a) £920 capital underspend regarding Brockholes Recreation Ground footpath (£7,000 approved 13/11/2014) is returned to the district committee capital budget (Holme Valley North)
- (3) That capital funding be approved for the following projects:
- (a) £4,188 capital to improve Golcar Library Garden
- (b) £920 capital towards road widening at St Mary's Mews, Honley (Holme Valley North)
- (4) That revenue funding/ 10% New Homes Bonus be approved for the following projects –
- (a) £345 grant to Golcar Together towards Weaving Women's Project (Golcar)
- (b) £600 for the redesign of the car park at Cliffe House, Shepley (Kirkburton)
- (c) £1,000 grant towards the Honley Children's Book Festival 2017 (Holme Valley North)
- (d) £1,000 grant towards an intergenerational project between Holme Valley Sharing Memories Group and Holmfirth Junior School (Holme Valley South)
- (e) £1,500 grant towards the Honley Roundway TRA Plant it, Grow it, Eat it Project (Holme Valley North)
- (f) £2,000 grant towards Honley Wood Bridle Path improvements (Holme Valley North)
- (g) £3,270 grant towards completion of the Holmbridge Cricket Club pavilion (Holme Valley South)
- (h) £4,475 to continue the Citizens Advice Bureau outreach provision at Skelmanthorpe Library in 2017-2018 (Denby Dale)
- (i) £8,252 grant towards improvement of the Kirkburton Spur of the Trans Pennine Trail at Bank Lane and Long Lane (Denby Dale/ Kirkburton)
- (j) £12,000 grant towards the start-up costs to be incurred by the Slaithwaite Civic Hall Trust on taking on a short term lease of the premises from 1st April 2017, subject to the Trust setting up as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation or an incorporated organisation (Colne Valley)
- (k) £6,580 revenue road widening at St Mary's Mews Honley (Holme Valley North)
- (l) £600 white lining and stone transport to prevent littering on Litherup Lane, Clayton West (Denby Dale)

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- (5) That New Homes Bonus funding for the following projects:
- (a) £14,000 mental health first aid training for community champions (All Wards)
 - (b) £15,000 community physical activity programme to encourage people to be more active (All Wards)

£25,000 towards the building of a Skatepark at Marsden Goods Yard (Colne Valley)
 - (c) £27,000 Denby Dale to Upper Cumberworth path improvement (Denby Dale) subject to resolving the route and how the footpath will be accommodated in the Planning application made by the quarry owners
 - (d) £33,244 short term loan to Denby Dale Walkers are Welcome Group regarding work on the Kirkburton Spur of the Trans Pennine Trail (Denby Dale/ Kirkburton), subject to written confirmation from EPIP of the grant award, a signed agreement with the Council for the loan and written confirmation of the timescale for the work.
 - (e) £45,000 improvements to Colne Valley Bridleway 197 at Marsden (Colne Valley), subject to match funding being obtained towards the total cost of £45k.
 - (f) £52,000 for speed limit reduction orders and associated works at 4 locations on the B6116/ A629 roads (Denby Dale/ Kirkburton)

10 Deputations / Petitions

There were no deputations or petitions.

11 Public Question Time

There were no public questions.

12 Dates of future meetings

It was noted that the next meeting of the Committee would take place on Thursday, 20th April 2017 at 7 pm in the Holme Valley South Ward (venue to be confirmed).