

NEWENT TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of **Communities Committee** held on **Monday 11th July 2022** at Newent Community School, Watery Lane, Newent at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Mrs W Odhiambo (Chairman), Mrs C Howley, Mrs K Draper and Mr D Tinson

Also present – The Clerk and 6 members of the public

Public Participation Session

Speaker 1

A speaker spoke in favour of Item 8 an Instagram account and asked the council to consider using Twitter as well.

Speaker 2

A representative from a local business club spoke in favour of Item 5. Market Provider.

Speaker 3

A speaker spoke in favour of a family fun day for Saturday 10th September 2022. They would like to introduce classic cars into the event and may be seeking funding.

The clerk referred them to the council website as grants are available.

1. To note apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Councillor Mr R Beard.

2. Declarations and Interest on items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

The committee by unanimous decision resolved to re-order the agenda.

9. Nominations to Communities Committee Vice-Chair

9.1 To nominate representation to be the Vice-Chairman of the Communities Committee

Councillor Daniel Tinson was unanimously appointed to be the Vice-Chairman of the Communities Committee.

Councillor Daniel Tinson joined the meeting.

3. Estate Supervisor's Report – June 2022

3.1 To Note the Estate Supervisor's Report June 2022

The clerk mentioned that a member of the public, at the Planning & Environment Committee, on 11.07.22, had identified that assistance is needed regarding the town centre planters, as they require volunteers.

The clerk will continue to request support through social media and targeted approaches.

The Estate Supervisor's Report was noted

4. Calendar of events

4.1 To decide on whether to plan a series of community events in Newent

The committee by unanimous decision resolved to plan a series of community events in Newent.

4.2 To agree a series of community events.

The committee by unanimous decision agreed the following as community events.

August

- Brass Band Event: Sunday 14th August 2.30pm start

November

- Remembrance Sunday Parade: Civic Event Sunday 13th November
- Christmas Tree Lights Switch on: Saturday 26th November 2022

December

- St Mary's Church: Mayor's Civic Event early December

February

- Valentine's Event: Tuesday 14th February 2023

March

- St Patrick's Day: Friday 17th March 2023
- Mother's Day: Sunday 19th March 2023

April

- Easter Events: Sunday 9th April

Lunar Year events

5. Market Provider

5.1 To consider and decide on a market stall provider for a market to be held on Saturday 16th July 2022 at Market Square, Newent and for future dates that are to be confirmed

The committee by unanimous decision resolved that 'Green Tops' be the market stall provider for a market to be held on Saturday 16th July 2022 at Market Square, Newent and for future dates that are to be confirmed.

6. Residential Design Guide Consultation-Capturing the Character of the Forest of Dean. 17 May - 21st July 2022 promotion

6.1 To note the Residential Design Guide Consultation- Capturing the Character of the Forest of Dean 17 May - 21st July 2022 promotion

The committee noted the Residential Design Guide Consultation-Capturing the Character of the Forest of Dean 17 May - 21st July 2022 promotion.

7. Family Fun Day in Newent Saturday 10th September 2022

7.1 To decide on whether to support the use of a provider using the Lewell Street Car Park as a funfair site, using a free parking day allocated to the council from the Forest of Dean District Council, subject to approval licences.

Proposed: To have a scoping meeting with relevant community representatives who are seeking to organise events for Saturday 10th September, to gain further understanding of their requirements, alongside the committees.

The committee by unanimous decision resolved to have a scoping meeting with relevant community representatives who are seeking to organise events for Saturday 10th September, to gain further understanding of their requirements, alongside the committees.

8. Instagram Account

8.1 To approve the opening of an Instagram account, linked to the council's social media site and managed by officers of the council

The committee by unanimous decision approved the opening of an Instagram account, linked to the council's social media site and managed by officers of the council.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.42pm