



**NAILSEA TOWN COUNCIL**  
**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Community Engagement Committee held on  
Wednesday 5 October 2022 at 7.30pm at the Tithe Barn, Church Lane, Nailsea

**PRESENT:** Cllr Argles, Cllr Bird, Cllr M Blatchford, Cllr J Blatchford, Cllr Frappell, Cllr Hobbs, Cllr Hopkinson, Cllr Houlbrook (in the Chair), Cllr Hunt, Cllr Tonkin, Cllr Turner, a representative from the Community Group, and the Town Clerk and Assistant Clerk.

**CE73/22    APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Lees, Cllr Miller, & Cllr Watts.

**CE74/22    DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Hopkinson declared a personal interest as a user of 65 High Street.

**CE75/22    PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public present.

**CE76/22    CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 JULY 2022**

The minutes were confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting and were signed by the Chair.

**CE77/22    COMMUNITY REPORTS**

**a)    Nailsea Community Group Update**

A representative from Nailsea Community Group advised that the number of foodbank users is increasing, and these are mostly formed of single parent families, and it can only be assumed that the numbers will continue to increase. There are currently 60 households with Food Club membership. It has been noted that the Community Larder supplies are decreasing, which is a positive regarding less food waste, however people do rely on it as a resource.

The Recycling Hub is working very well; there is a 120l box for blister packs which is filled weekly.

The Community Group have a number of charity collections, such as foreign coins for Alzheimer's and bras for Breast Cancer Research.

The team are preparing for the school half term and will continue the Holiday Hunger support.

The group are looking to approach the remaining shops in Nailsea that are not currently donating to them.

**b)    North Somerset Together Meeting Update – 14 September 2022**

The meeting discussed the possibility of the Council using 65 High Street as a Public Living Room, where members of the public can come in to the building to keep warm without judgement.

A question was raised on how the 65 Manager should approach disruptive residents who use the building, the effect on groups which hire the space, and if people are reluctant to leave when the building is closing, and that this needs to be considered. It was agreed that ground rules need to be created on how and when the space can be used.

Cllr Houlbrook will collate a list of Public Living Rooms in the area which can be used to promote these spaces to those who need them.

The meeting noted the update.



c) **Copy of North Somerset Council's Mental Health Strategy**

The meeting noted the document.

d) **Report of Civility and Respect Training provided by Cllr Hunt**

The meeting noted the report.

e) **Verbal report from Cllr Hobbs on a meeting of Tyntesfield Patient Participation Group held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022 and the possibility of hosting a multi-agency event at number 65**

Cllr Hobbs advised the meeting that they attended his first PPG meeting, and one action that came out was from their desire to hold periodic medical/health/wellbeing related events. With winter approaching the idea that developed was to get together the different agencies that contribute to residents' health and well-being e.g. Clevedon Hospital, Pharmacists, GPs, A&E, etc., and creating some process map to show people where they should to seek help based on their condition. Representatives from these agencies would attend the event to present their services and how people make contact with them.

The idea developed into holding this event on the same day as a Farmers Market (19<sup>th</sup> Nov), and Cllr Hobbs was asked to investigate two things:

1. Could 65 be used as a venue to host such an event?
2. Would other related local community based initiatives be interested to join e.g. cancer cafe, etc.?

Cllr Hobbs advised they would be happy to arrange a meeting at 65 with representatives from the PPG to discuss further if the Council are open to the idea.

It was felt that this could be an infinite list, and that both the Social Prescriber at Tyntesfield Medical Centre and Nailsea Community Group have already developed a large list of contacts.

The meeting suggested that this would be a project for the Community Wellbeing Officer to look into when they start, and that Cllr Hobbs liaises with them and the No.65 Manager to see how it could progress.

**CE78/22 NAILSEA PLACE**

a) **No. 65 Update Report from 16 August 2022**

It was suggested that details of what No.65 had to offer could be placed in the front windows. The meeting noted the report.

**CE79/22 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

a) **Summary of Income and Expenditure to 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

The meeting noted the summary.

b) **Community Engagement Specified Reserves**

The meeting noted the Specified Reserves.

c) **Consider projects for the 2023/2024 budget**

The meeting noted that the grant applications will be the biggest item for consideration, and it was confirmed that the grant files are available in the Town Council office to be reviewed.



A suggestion was put forward for funds to hold events which will showcase public facilities which are available. It was advised that there is a budget for networking events.

The Clerk advised the meeting that any additional ideas will need to come out of the Precept, and the Council may struggle to keep that at a lower inflation rate.

**CE80/22 To discuss progress on the High Street Telephone Box Project – Cllr Hopkinson**

Cllr Tonkin has provided an updated on the process of converting the telephone box, however since the initial discussions there are now many book exchanges around Nailsea, and it was felt this decision should be revisited.

*Cllr Hunt left the meeting at 20:36.*

Cllr Hopkinson proposed and Cllr Tonkin seconded

**RECOMMENDATION**

**that Nailsea Town Council undertake the refurbishment of the telephone box on the High Street as soon as possible, with a maximum budget of £2,000.**

The vote was unanimous.

Cllr Hopkinson proposed and Cllr Tonkin seconded

**RECOMMENDATION**

**that the Town Council re-think the use of the telephone box, with potential of it being used to display photographs of Nailsea Glass.**

The vote was unanimous.

**CE81/22 CCTV UPDATES**

**a) CCTV Log June**

The meeting noted the CCTV log.

**CE82/22 COMMUNICATION AND SOCIAL MEDIA**

The meeting was advised that there is no Communication and Social Media report, due to there not being a Communications and Media Officer in post at present.

A question was raised about if the role is being re-advertised, and it was advised that it was felt best to pause this recruitment until the new financial year, with the Assistant Clerk covering any items where and when possible.

**CE83/22 CONSULTATIONS**

**a) Joint North Somerset Physical Activity Strategy**

It was advised that the report was an incorrect addition, and will be discussed at the Environment and Leisure Committee Meeting the following week.

**CE84/22 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**



Cllr Frappell advised that there are now no spaces available at the Garden of Rest, and people are being turned away. It was noted that a planning application from Dignity for an extension to the site has been submitted to North Somerset Council.

Cllr Hopkinson advised that she has been approached regarding the Heritage Trail and advised that it is not accessible to people with disabilities. A suggestion was put forwards that a copy of the plaque could mounted on the front of each plinth. Discussions will be held with Cllr Miller about possible solutions.

The meeting closed at 8:56pm

Chairman's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_