



NAILSEA TOWN COUNCIL
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Community Engagement Committee held on
Wednesday 13 July 2022 at 7.30pm at the Tithe Barn, Church Lane, Nailsea

PRESENT: Cllr Argles, Cllr Bird, Cllr J Blatchford, Cllr M Blatchford, Cllr Frappell, Cllr Hopkinson, Cllr Houlbrook (in the Chair), Cllr Hunt, Cllr Lees, the Town Clerk and Assistant Clerk.

CE52/22 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Miller and Cllr Tonkin.

CE53/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr J Blatchford declared a personal interest as he represents ALCA on the North Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board.

CE54/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

CE55/22 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1 JUNE 2022

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

CE56/22 COMMUNITY REPORTS

a) Nailsea Community Group Update

There was no update from the Nailsea Community Group.

b) North Somerset Together Meeting Update 8 June 2022

The reports were noted by the meeting.

CE57/22 TO DISCUSS THE FUNDING OF GRAFFITI REMOVAL FROM THE TOWN CENTRE

It was advised that this was an item submitted by ex-Cllr Steel to go onto the agenda.

The meeting discussed that a test run was undertaken on graffiti removal on the High Street, and it was a lengthy and slow process. The majority of the graffiti around Nailsea is on private property and permission needs to be granted by the property owner before any works can be undertaken.

The Clerk advised that there is no money in the budget allocated for this, but it could be put into the budget for next year.

Cllr M Blatchford advised the meeting that a survey on Nailsea Forum was undertaken to gather feelings on purposeful graffiti on buildings in the centre, and the results from 250 responses was evenly split for or against.

The meeting felt that this was an ongoing project that would be looked at from multiple angles, and will be discussed further.

CE58/22 NAILSEA PLACE

a) No. 65 Update Report from 4 July 2022

A question was raised regarding the solar panels proposed at No. 65, and a request made that calculations are undertaken to find out returns etc.

The building works that need to be undertaken at No. 65 in order to allow the fire evacuation chair to be safely used, and it was advised that this is not an item that needs to go to tender as it is below the tender costing levels, but a spec does need to be produced and 3 quotes obtained.

b) Promoting No. 65 to the wider community

It was advised that No. 65 is currently very busy, with a variety of users and groups within the space. There is an opportunity to promote this further, and will be something for the Comms + Media Officer to look into when they join. Cllr Bird confirmed that investigations for a separate website for No. 65 have been undertaken, and this will be discussed with the new starter to potentially take forward.

A meeting will be arranged with Citizens Advice Bureau to see if drop in appointments can be re-introduced, as currently it is difficult to have a face-to-face meeting without an appointment. The Clerk, Cllr Lees, Cllr Houlbrook and the 65 Manager will take this forward.

A question was raised regarding the Nailsea Arts Centre @ 65, and the Assistant Clerk advised that they simply have not had enough capacity to be able to organise tutors, sessions and the promotion of them, but hope that this will be something that can be picked back up once the various roles currently being recruited for are filled.

CE59/22 FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Summary of Income and Expenditure to 6 July 2022

The meeting noted the summary.

b) Community Engagement Specified Reserves

- Nailsea Community Group £9,944.31
- No. 65 Improvements £19,936.02
- CCTV Upgrade £31,000

The meeting noted the Specified Reserves.

CE60/22 CCTV UPDATES

a) CCTV Log April

The meeting noted the document.

CE61/22 COMMUNICATION AND SOCIAL MEDIA

a) Update from Lauren Moke on the Council's Social Media accounts

The Assistant Clerk advised that numbers have dropped, and that this is simply down to not currently having the capacity to action as much as would be liked. It was advised that the Town Talk article has now been produced and will be in the North Somerset Times on 20th July, and will also be added onto Nailseatown.com and shared across the social accounts.

The new Media and Comms Officer will be starting in August, which will mean that the Social Media accounts can receive the attention that is needed.

The meeting noted the update.

CE62/22 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

The purchase of microphones for the Tithe Barn has now gone out to Tender, with sealed bids to be submitted to the Town Council by midday on 29th July.

The meeting closed at 8:19pm

Chairman's signature: _____ Date: _____