



NAILSEA TOWN COUNCIL
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Community Engagement Committee held on
Wednesday 24th August 2022 at 7.30pm at the Tithe Barn, Church Lane, Nailsea

PRESENT: Cllr Argles, Cllr J Blatchford, Cllr M Blatchford*, Cllr Frappell, Cllr Hopkinson, Cllr Houlbrook (in the Chair), Cllr Hunt, Cllr Miller, Cllr Tonkin the Town Clerk and Assistant Clerk.
Plus members of the public.

Joined the meeting at 7:36pm.

CE63/22 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Bird and Cllr Lees.

CE64/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr J Blatchford declared an interest as he is the Council's representative on Nailsea & District Community Transport.

Cllr Hopkinson declared an interest as a user of 65 High Street for the Cancer Café.

CE65/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public wished to speak.

CE66/22 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.

A question was raised regarding the Comms + Media Officer role, and it was advised that prior to the appointed person starting that they were offered an alternate role, with a higher salary, in a more senior position, which they accepted.

CE67/22 COMMUNITY REPORTS

a) Nailsea Community Group Update

Apologies received from Jules Richardson, update to follow.

b) North Somerset Together Meeting Update - 13 July 2022

The reports were noted by the meeting.

A question was raised regarding the drop in sessions for Citizens Advice, and it was advised that a meeting is to be arranged in the near future.

c) Report on Nailsea & District Community Transport

The report has been produced specifically to advise on a number of issues. The organisation is looking to switch to electric vehicles, however there is a lack of second hand ones with the correct accessibility for N&DCT needs. It was advised that there are legal restrictions as to what community transport can do, including not being able to run a scheduled bus service.

d) Changes to bus services report

It was advised that of the routes affected, none directly affect Nailsea, but onward journeys will be impacted.

Cllr Hopkinson proposed and Cllr Hunt seconded

RECOMMENDATION:

**that Nailsea Town Council write to
First Bus and Central Government
to express extreme**



disappointment in these cancelled routes, and that a climate emergency has been declared, and people on these routes are given no other choice but to use unsustainable transport modes.

The vote was unanimous.

The Clerk will contact the MPs in the 2 constituencies as well to make them aware of this issue.

CE68/22 NAILSEA PLACE

a) No. 65 Update Report from 16 August 2022

The meeting noted the report.

CE69/22 FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Summary of Income and Expenditure to 16 August 2022

It was advised that if there is a contested election then there will be the requirement for a polling station, polling cards, staffing, all at an additional cost which has not been budgeted for.

The meeting noted the summary.

b) Consider projects for the 2023/2024 budget

A number of changes were suggested for the 2023/2024 budget:

- Graffiti removal at £1,000, but potentially look into a contractor to do the works as and when required
- Networking Events, 1 per ¼ at £75 per networking event, £300 total.
- Community Events, £200
- Nailsea Town Council website requires work to be undertaken, and the cost of this is unknown
- Standalone website for No. 65
- Election costs will be at least £4,000
- Increasing patronage amounts, currently £100 each
- Grants will be tight this year to keep within a 5% possible increase in the precept.
- The Arts Centre is not in the budget, needs to be considered. It has taken a back seat due to work load, and could be revitalised.
- Possible furniture upgrade for No. 65

All project ideas need to be submitted to the Clerk to be included in the draft 2023/24 budget for consideration by Council.

c) Community Engagement Specified reserves

- Community Emergency Fund £9,944
- Improvements to No.65 £20,086
- CCTV Upgrade £31,000

The meeting noted the reserves.

CE70/22 CCTV UPDATES

a) CCTV Log May

The meeting noted the document.



CE71/22 COMMUNICATION AND SOCIAL MEDIA

a) Update from Lauren Moke on the Council's Social Media accounts 7th July to 16th August

The Assistant Clerk advised that due to a lack of a Media Officer, ongoing recruitment, staff holidays and a large number of ongoing projects, the amount of social content that has been generated is lacking, however the figures are remaining steady and important information circulated.

The meeting noted the update.

CE72/22 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

There will be a Big Green Week event at the Tithe Barn between 10am – 9pm on 1st and 2nd October, with demonstrations, food vans, cinema showings, talks, bicycle maintenance and more – there will be something for everyone. If anyone would like to be involved or has any ideas, please send them on to Cllr Miller.

During Black History Month, on the 22 October, an evening of entertainment will be held at the Tithe Barn.

It was advised that a bench on Morgan's Hill has been destroyed, and a new one will be going in early next week.

The windows at the Tithe Barn have now been completed and the openers are to be installed, as well as the blinds.

The meeting closed at 8:37pm

Chairman's signature: _____ Date: _____