

GAINSBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of the COMMUNITY SERVICES Committee held at Richmond House, Morton Terrace, Gainsborough on Tuesday 19 November 2013 at 6:00pm

Present: Councillor Cynthia Isherwood (Chairman)
Councillor Matthew Boles
Councillor Mick Tinker
Councillor Vaughan Hughes (non committee member)

In Attendance:

Matthew Gleadell Clerk to the Council
Rachel Allbones Assistant Clerk to the Council

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND REASONS GIVEN

Councillor Lesley Rollings
Councillor Richard Craig
Councillor Robin Perry

RESOLVED to accept the apologies and reasons given.

2. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCALISM ACT 2011 AND TO RECEIVE ANY APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

No declarations were made.

3. MINUTES

i. Minutes of the meeting of Community Services Committee held on Wednesday 9 October 2013

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Community Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 9 October 2013 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

4. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MOTIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS

i. Motion received from Councillor Vaughan Hughes

"On behalf of Gainsborough In Bloom, as their secretary and a Town Councillor, it became apparent to us in the summer that most of the signage at the entrances to the town had disappeared (Corringham Road and Morton Terrace to give two examples). We discussed this with Steve Wiles from Lincolnshire County Council Highways who has kindly agreed to replace the signs with standard signs at their cost.

However, as GIB is trying to improve the approaches to the town, with Morton Corner improved this year and a key project being the Trent Bridge entrance for next year we would like to ask the Council to consider providing further support in the form of enhanced signage to the entrances at the same time.

The signs could refer to the towns heritage, such as The Old Hall, Sweyn's 1000th anniversary or any other appropriate message agreed by councillors. I understand from Steve Wiles these signs can cost several hundred pounds each, approval would have to be sort through Highways for the size and style proposed, and they would have to be secured properly. Our suggestion would be they are sited at the four main access points to the town, namely, Trent Bridge, Morton Corner, Corringham Road and Lea Road boundary. However, the effect, although difficult to quantify, on residents and visitors to the town compared to the cost would be significant and enhance the overall experience Gainsborough has to offer.

GIB would look at providing planters in appropriate places next to or below the signage to further enhance the effect of these signs, and would work with GTC, Highways to achieve a positive impact.

I so move."

The Clerk summarised that in essence Gainsborough in Bloom would like to improve the signage at the entrances to the town. Lincolnshire County Council will fund basis signage, but GiB would like to see enhanced and more attractive signage. The Clerk suggested that if the Committee decided to give a decision in principle to fund or source funding for the additional costs to what LCC would pay, it may be sensible to ask GiB to seek designs and costings and report back to the Committee.

It was suggested that GiB could get the schools involved and have a competition to create signage designs.

Note: Councillor Hughes was formally thanked for his sterling work with Gainsborough In Bloom.

RESOLVED to support Gainsborough in Bloom in their efforts to improve signage at the entrances to the town but reserve making any financial decision until such time as Gainsborough in Bloom has come back to the Council with final costings which can be incorporated in the Town Council budget mechanisms.

5. PHOENIX COURT BUS SHELTER

The Clerk advised that the Council had received a request to erect a bus shelter at Phoenix Court. He advised that grants are available from Lincolnshire County Council for bus shelters.

RESOLVED to ask the Clerk to see if funding is still available from LCC, seek permission from WLDC to erect a bus shelter on Phoenix Court, and if all the above is granted, apply for funding and purchase and erect a bus shelter at Phoenix Court in keeping with all other Town Council owned shelters.

The meeting concluded at 6:16pm.

Chairman