

## **GAINSBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL**

MINUTES of a MEETING of the COMMUNITY SERVICES Committee held at Richmond House, Morton Terrace, Gainsborough on Wednesday 11 September 2013 at 6:30pm

**Present:** Councillor Cynthia Isherwood (Chairman)

Councillor Matthew Boles  
Councillor Robin Perry  
Councillor Lesley Rollings

**In Attendance:**

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

**Also in Attendance:** Cllr. Paul Key  
Samantha Dodd – Town Manager  
2 Members of Partnerships for Renewables

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND REASONS GIVEN**

No apologies received.

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

Councillor Boles declared a non pecuniary interest in agenda item 7i as an employee of Trent Valley Academy.

Councillor Rollings declared a non pecuniary interest in agenda item 7i as an employee of Trent Valley Academy.

**3. MINUTES**

i. Minutes of the meeting of Community Services Committee held on Wednesday 12 June 2013

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Community Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 12 June 2013 be confirmed and signed as a correct record

**Cllr Tinker and Cllr Craig arrived at 6.45pm.**

**4. PRESENTATION FROM PARTNERSHIPS FOR RENEWABLES REGARDING PROPOSED WIND FARM**

Members received a presentation informing them of the Saundby Site wind farm project. It would be a 6 turbine project with a maximum tip height of 133m with a potential to power 8900 homes per annum. Once the energy was being generated there would be a £75,000 community annual benefit fund.

Members questioned what the public response has been like so far and who would manage the Community Benefit Fund.

PFR responded that the public response has been ok so far but more consultation events are planned for the next month.

As for the community benefit fund, it would be open to suggestions as to how it would be managed. Another project that PFR had commissioned set up a steering group of all the interested bodies to divide the money out as they saw fit.

Cllr Rollings suggested that helping people in fuel poverty may be a good idea for use of some of the Community funds generated.

**5. PRESENTATION FROM SAMANTHA DODD REGARDING GAINSBOROUGH TOWN PARTNERSHIP**

Samantha Dodd informed Members that 4 groups had been set up through the Town Partnership to look at and deal with specific areas, Events and Promotion Group, Independent Retailers Group, Town Market Sub-Group and Environment Sub group.

She advised that last year WLDC received a £100,000 high street innovation fund from Government out of the blue with no specific guidelines on how to spend it. It has since been split with £20,000 being spent in Market Rasen, £20,000 being spent in Caistor and £60,000 being spent in Gainsborough. The Gainsborough Town Partnership applied to WLDC for the full £60,000 which was approved in August 2013. Samantha advised that the Town Partnership had four areas to spend the money, 1) Attracting new businesses – a grant scheme for independent traders, 2) retaining businesses – a grant scheme for independent traders, 3) town centre market, 4) to increase footfall – events etc.

Members did put some questions to Samantha regarding the future management of the market.

**6. REPORT FROM THE EVENTS OFFICER (Paper A)**

Members asked various questions with regards to the report.

A Member had a concern with regards to the Riverside Festival 2014 being moved back to June.

A Member expressed concern to the content of the Octoberfest, suggesting most events listed are not special for the Octoberfest but events that happen each month.

It was also suggested that the Town Council look into the possibility of holding a separate Christmas lights switch on event to Marshalls Yard in 2014.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

**7. TO RECEIVE MOTIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS**

i. Motion received from Councillor Doran

To offer our full support to TVA during this challenging period and to offer any help or assistance that Gainsborough Town Council are in a position to give.

Councillor Doran was not present at the meeting and no other Members were willing to carry the motion forward so it was subsequently treated as withdrawn.

ii. Motion received from Councillor Key

*It is time to start thinking about what sort of Festival we want to put on, or what our participation is going to be in the Gainsborough Festival.*

*I am bringing this to Full Councils attention because I believe we need to set up a working group or festival committee to set the ball rolling.*

*You might think that it is too early to start thinking about this, but dependent on what size festival and the sheer logistics involved we need to look at this issue now.*

*If we go for a date in July 2014, this is eleven months away but bearing in mind we will have to give Lincolnshire County Council Highways division plenty of notice of any road closures we would require, and all interested parties we will need to work with, in my opinion it is essential that we get a working group or festival committee in place sooner rather than later as previous events of this nature show (time waits for no man).*

*I hope Councillors will support this motion and that any Councillors who go on this group or committee give it 100% as I believe that we as the Town Council should take a lead on this project and in conjunction with all other relevant parties try to put on a fantastic event for the townsfolk of Gainsborough and surrounding areas.*

*Also I would hope that with this being the largest project being undertaken that we as Gainsborough Town Council still find time to put on or help put on other events as well.*

A discussion took place with regards to the above motion.

As a Gainsborough Festival Working Group was already set up in June 2013 it was deemed that there wasn't anything to vote on.

**8. GAINSBOROUGH FESTIVAL WORKING GROUP**

The Clerk advised that the Gainsborough Festival Working Group needed a remit to carry their work forward.

Discussion ensued and the Clerk advised that the Riverside Festival Committee meet for their AGM on Wednesday 18 September.

**RESOLVED** to defer setting a remit until the Gainsborough Festival Working Group had met once to discuss all their ideas and the Riverside Festival had had their AGM.

**9. CIVIC SERVICE**

A meeting had been arranged for Friday 13 September but will now need to rearrange as most Members can not attend. It was noted that Full Council has previously authorised a maximum budget spend of £2,500.

**10. NEWSLETTER UPDATE**

Councillor Craig gave a verbal update on the progress of the second edition of the Gainsborough Town Council newsletter advising it will hopefully be out at the beginning of October.

**11. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY RECEPTION**

The Clerk advised that Council needed to decide if they were once again organising a reception following the Remembrance Sunday Service.

**RESOLVED** to book Gainsborough House main room to hold a reception following the Remembrance Sunday Service, as in previous years, and delegate to the Assistant Clerk to organise refreshments with a budget of £100.

**12. CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD**

The Clerk asked Members to consider arrangements for 2013 citizen of the year award.

Members advised that as in previous years the Council can advertise for nominations and approve at the Community Services meeting in October in order for the successful nominee to be presented with the award at the Full Council meeting in November and switch the Christmas lights on on the 15 November.

It was suggested that the Community Services meeting be moved to 29<sup>th</sup> October in order for the award to be advertised for longer.

**RESOLVED** to advertise for nominations for the Citizen of the Year Award, and to move the Community Services Committee in October to 29<sup>th</sup> October, and the award to be presented at the Full Council meeting in November.

**13. BUS SHELTERS**

The Clerk advised that he is currently looking at funding opportunities to help fund the repairs to the shelters.

**RESOLVED** to defer the matter until the Clerk has investigated all avenues of funding.

**14. REQUEST TO HOLD EVENT ON RICHMOND PARK (Paper B)**

The Clerk advised that he had received a request to hold a Christmas Ball Festival at Richmond Park.

Members suggested passing the request to the Friends of Richmond Park as they may be organising an event.

**RESOLVED** to thank them for showing an interest in holding event but pass to the Friends of Richmond Park to see if they can work together to put an event on.

The meeting concluded at 8:52pm.

Chairman