

Notes of Report to the Community Infrastructure Committee
22nd June 2020

Committee Members:

Cllr R J Parry, Chairman	Present	Cllr A Clayton, Vice-Chairman	Present
Cllr R Hogarth	Absent	Cllr Dr J M Canet	Present
Cllr R Piper	Apologies	Cllr C Shea	Apologies

Substitute	For
Cllr K Bonin	Cllr R Piper

In Attendance: Cllr Eyre, Cllr Morris-Brown

The Councillors listed above were consulted electronically, facilitated by the Town Clerk/ Chief Executive, Responsible Financial Officer and Senior Committee Clerk.

There were no representations received from Members of the Public.

53. Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Noted that, following the decision by Council to roll over current governance arrangements until May 2021, the following appointments made on 13th May 2019 remained in place:

- a) Chairman – Cllr Richard Parry
- b) Vice-Chairman – Cllr Tony Clayton

[Minute 64, 13.05.2019 refers]

54. Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

55. Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd February 2020

The Minutes of the Community Infrastructure Committee on 3rd February were received and agreed.

56. Community Investment Projects Cash Flows

The Committee received and noted the Community Investment Project Cash Flows Summary, as at June 2020. It was noted that c£2.5m was required to fund remaining Capital Project Costs, using c£706k CIL reserves, £1.38m PWLB, and £440k Capital Receipts Reserve, resulting in a balance of £516k in the Capital Receipts Reserve.

57. 2019 Community Investment Plan Projects**1) Bat & Ball Centre**

The Committee noted the challenges of the current COVID-19 on the construction industry, including difficulties with supply and delivery of materials and the reduction of the numbers of contractors on site. However, building works had continued satisfactorily on schedule and within budget. The anticipated handover of the building was the end of July.

2) Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)

It was noted that the installation of the MUGA was due to commence mid July 2020. A minor modification was to be made to conform to national guidelines for the

netball court. Consideration was given to the anticipated demand for the new facilities.

RESOLVED: That a timetable be produced which incorporates times for free public access and times for hire for public team sports and public who want to book the court rather than hoping it might be available. The fees and charges to reflect a higher charge for commercial activities.

3) Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Committee noted that due to COVID-19, referendums for Neighbourhood Development Plans had been deferred until May 2021.

4) Sevenoaks Business Hub

It was noted that as the construction industry was currently in a very different place due to the impact of the pandemic, it was considered prudent to obtain revised tenders for the Business Hub, and to value engineer the project if required. It was noted that the demand for this type of accommodation remained strong.

5) Darent Valley Community Rail Partnership

Interviews had taken place last week for the Community Rail Partnership Officer post. A bid had been submitted to Southeastern for funding.

6) Electric No.8 Bus

The Committee noted that an application for funding would be submitted to the next round of the CIL Board at Sevenoaks District Council.

7) Stag Community Arts Centre

The Committee considered the critical financial situation facing the Stag Community Arts Centre due to the impact of Covid-19 and social distancing measures. It was noted that Town Councillors would be considering on Monday 29th June 2020 whether grant aid could be provided to the Stag to see it through its current financial difficulties.

Council Meeting 23rd March 2020 Minute 567 ii)

RESOLVED: To agree emergency measures that if it was not possible to convene a meeting of the Council or Committee in reasonable time or where restrictions are in place, the Town Clerk (and Deputy Town Clerk) shall have delegated authority under s.101 of the Local Government Act 1972 to make decisions on behalf of the Council where such decision cannot be reasonably deferred and must be made in order to comply with a commercial or statutory deadline. This will be carried out where possible by consultation with members by electronic means or telephone. The Town Clerk will further consult with the Mayor for guidance as necessary. The delegation does not extend to matters expressly reserved to the council in legislation or in its Standing Orders or Financial Regulations. Any decision made under this delegation must be recorded in writing and must be published in accordance with the relevant regulations.