

QUEEN'S PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the People Committee Meeting held remotely using Zoom
on **Wednesday 14 October 2020** commencing at 18:00.

Present: Councillors Brian Nicholas (Chair), Ryan Dalton (Vice Chair), Gill Fitzhugh, Ray Lancashire, Orrel Lawrence, John McArdle, Eartha Pond, Stella Wilson.

Also present: Lucie Prior, Community Development Officer and Acting Proper Officer; Liz Thorpe-Tracey, Communications and Events Co-ordinator, Millie Kent, Project Officer.
Member of the public: Emily Engels.

PP08-20/21 Apologies for absence – Councillor Leslie Barson.

PP09-20/21 Declarations of interest – none made.

PP10-20/21 Public session

Emily Engels introduced the social movement of Compassionate Neighbours. The idea is to build a similar network within Queen's Park ward, this would provide support to residents when in crisis eg on hospital discharge or returning home with a new baby. The network would utilise local volunteers to provide mutual support. Emily has been speaking with Cllrs. Barson, Dalton and Fitzhugh to develop the idea. Cllr. Dalton thanked Emily for her assistance with delivery and Cllr. Fitzhugh thanked Emily for her assistance with the research for Care in Queen's Park.

PP11-20/21 Care in Queen's Park

The Committee received a working paper from Cllrs. Fitzhugh and Lawrence on their research into local services for residents. This information could be used as a directory for Councillors, residents and service providers. There was discussion around providing a universal service to residents such as community broadband. Cllr. Lancashire provided data to show coverage speeds across the ward and information on the right to request a decent broadband service and the Community Fibre Partnership. Discussion centred on whether this would provide value for money given that established broadband speeds are deemed adequate in the area.

RESOLVED THAT, Cllrs. Fitzhugh and Lawrence would bring completed research for Care In Queen's Park to the next Committee meeting.

PP12 20/21 Detached and Outreach Consultation with Young People

A proposal was received from Cllr. Pond which identified a need for consultation with young people with key hotspots and stakeholders identified. The consultation aims to identify the gaps in services for young people as seen by young people and identify and celebrate good practice of working with young people within the ward. This would allow for proactive planning for working with young people rather than reactive. Councillors discussed anti-social behaviour statistics and recent incidents of violence affecting young people.

RESOLVED THAT, the People Committee APPROVED to spend £3,500 on the consultation with young people.

RESOLVED THAT, the Acting Proper Officer would contact local youth service providers for quotes to undertake the work.

PP13 20/21 Financial Report

The Responsible Financial Officer circulated a report on the current financial position of the budget lines that are expected to be monitored by the Committee. Full Council will confirm the budget lines that sit with the People Committee at the next meeting. It was highlighted that a bulk of expenditure is to be made in the second half of the year but spending is going broadly to plan. Councillors discussed potential for the limited Community Infrastructure Levy Funds.

RESOLVED THAT, the report on the current financial position be NOTED.

PP14 20/21 Working Groups

No additional reports received other than items PP11 and PP12 on the agenda.

PP15 20/21 Chair's Report

The Chair gave a verbal report on their ideas for the ward and showed their appreciation that the committee recognise what they need to be doing for the residents.

The Chair thanked Cllrs. Fitzhugh, Lawrence and Pond for their recent work.

PP16 20/21 Officers' Report

A report was received from Officers detailing community activity relevant to the People Committee and plans for the future. The forthcoming community activity involves: an event for Black History Month; children's activity for the half term holiday in Queen's Park Gardens and four Street Play sessions; and plans that are in progress for the festive season.

RESOLVED that the report be NOTED.

The meeting closed at 20:00