

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

7 December 2017

7.00 pm – 9.40 pm

Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud

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Minutes

Membership

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| Councillor Steve Robinson (Chair) | P | Councillor John Marjoram | P |
| Councillor Jonathan Edmunds (Vice-Chair) | P | Councillor Karen McKeown | P |
| Councillor George Butcher | P | Councillor Gill Oxley | A |
| Councillor Gordon Craig | P | Councillor Nigel Prenter | A |
| Councillor John Jones | P | Councillor Sue Reed | P |
| Councillor Darren Loftus | P | Councillor Penny Wride | A |

P = Present A = Absent

Other Councillors Present

Councillor Skeena Rathor

Officers Present

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| Director Customer Services | Principal Licensing Officer |
| Head of Community Services | Democratic Services Officer |

CSLC.024

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Penny Wride, Gill Oxley and Nigel Prenter.

CSLC.025

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Refer to Minute No. CSLC.030(c).

CSLC.026

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RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 September 2017 are confirmed and signed as a correct record.

CSLC.027

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None received.

CSLC.028 **WORK PROGRAMME**

The following item was discussed for a future meeting:

- New powers relating to personal licenses

Members expressed concern that there was no budget monitoring report to discuss at this committee. Discussion also took place regarding the place on the agenda of the Work Programme.

CSLC.029 **STROUD DISTRICT TAXI FARES**

The Principal Licensing Officer presented the report and explained the recommendations by the Task and Finish Group regarding a proposal by the Stroud Taxi Association to increase Stroud District taxi fares. The group concluded that there had not been an increase in fares since 2011 and there was scope for an increase.

Mr. Pugh and Mr. Day of the Taxi Association spoke in relation to this item.

- RESOLVED**
- 1. That Stroud District taxi fares are increased in accordance with the recommendations of the Task and Finish Group in Appendix 4 of the report.**
 - 2. The procedure and delegation outlined in paragraph 4.2 of the report shall apply.**

CSLC.030 **MEMBER REPORTS**

(a) The Subscription Rooms

Councillor Doina Cornell thanked all members of Task and Finish Group, including officers, for the work they had carried out. Strategy and Resources Committee (S&R) on Tuesday 5 December 2017 had received the report of the Task and Finish Group. A new Task and Finish Group will now be formed and an update will be given to S&R on 18 January 2018, with a report being considered on 12 April 2018. This committee will be kept informed and be asked to make appropriate decisions when necessary.

Bookings for the Sub Rooms have been programmed until the end of June 2018. Members were concerned that bookings were not being taken beyond June, as members thought that marketing the venue with bookings would be more attractive for potential bidders.

Councillor Karen McKeown proposed the following motion which was seconded by Councillor George Butcher

1. Community Services and Licensing Committee take a more active role in monitoring the running of the Sub Rooms. At each meeting receive monitoring reports on finances and activity.
2. The Chair and senior managers review that information on a monthly basis.
3. Bookings are taken and the Sub Rooms is marketed as an entertainment venue up to 31 December 2018.

On being put to the vote the motion was passed unanimously.

The future of the tourist information will be decided at a future meeting.

Thanks were given to Councillor Steve Lydon on the work which has been done to get to this point in the process.

(b) County Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee - Councillor Doina Cornell updated Committee on the following:

- NHS Winter plan
- A&E services at Cheltenham General Hospital and Gloucester Royal Hospital
- Sustainability and transformation plan
- Ambulance service and waiting times
- Gloucestershire Care services and NHS together merging.

A written update would be sent to Members following the next meeting.

(c) Arts and Culture Task and Finish Group

Councillor John Marjoram introduced this item. Members discussed an increase in the budget for Arts and Culture by £10,000, they were advised that if they wished to do this a growth item would have to be recommended to Strategy and Resources Committee.

Paul Gibson who had been working with the Task and Finish Group explained the report. Members discussed the report and highlighted that this is an important area of work.

A proposal was put forward by Councillor John Marjoram and seconded by Councillor Jonathan Edmunds to adopt the report in principle for potential future use, with no financial implications being attributed to the Council. Committee supported the proposal.

Councillor John Marjoram then declared an interest as his wife is an Arts Therapist.

(d) Tourism Task and Finish Group

Councillor Gordon Craig introduced this item and explained the work that the Task and Finish Group had already undertaken. There was still a lot of work to be done and a report with recommendations would not be ready until the end of the Civic Year 2018 /19 (April 2019).

Councillor Craig encouraged Members to join them as the group was quite small – Councillors Tucker and Studdert-Kennedy, plus the Canal Manager were currently on the group. Councillors Darren Loftus and Sue Reed agreed to join the group.

(e) Museum in the Park

Councillor John Marjoram, who sits on the Cowle Museum Trust explained the work being carried out at the museum. Various activities are held there and the Walled Garden is now a space which can be used for events. He praised Anne Taylor, the Learning Programmes Officer who had worked at the Museum since 2005 and was retiring at the end of this year, he also thanked the Cowle Museum Trustees.

(f) Police and Crime Panel

Councillor Karen McKeown updated Committee on:

- the report on safeguarding and concerns relating to this;
- PCC and the Fire Service joining which is not now taking place.
- Advertisement for the new Chief Constable.

(g) Performance Monitoring

Councillor Karen McKeown and Councillor John Jones updated committee on performance and use of Excelsis. Concern was expressed regarding the Council's duty on safeguarding and the statutory duty under the Children's Act 2004.

Other issues discussed were garden waste and the list of services the committee has responsibility for.

CSLC.031 **CAPITAL PROJECT MONITORING**

The Director of Customer Services had provided an update to committee on Kingshill House and Stratford Park Lido (Outdoor Pool).

RESOLVED **To note the report.**

CSLC.032 **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

A question was received from Councillor Karen McKeown and answered by Councillor Steve Robinson. The question and answer can be found on the [Council's website](#). The supplementary question and answer can be seen on the webcast of the meeting.

Councillor McKeown asked for the list of responsibilities the Committee has a duty to oversee, to be an item on the agenda for Committee in February 2018.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

Chair