

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

6 December 2018

7.00 pm – 9.17 pm

Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud

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Minutes

Membership

Councillor Mattie Ross (Chair)	P	Councillor Gill Oxley	A
Councillor Jonathan Edmunds (Vice-Chair)	P	Councillor Nigel Prenter	P
Councillor Gordon Craig	P	Councillor Sue Reed	A
Councillor John Jones	P	Councillor Steve Robinson	P
Councillor Darren Loftus	A	Councillor Ken Tucker	P
Councillor Karen McKeown	P	Councillor Penny Wride	A

P = Present A = Absent

Other Councillor(s) present

Councillors Cooper, Cornell and Marjoram

Officers Present

Director of Customer Service	Head of Community Services
Accountant	Senior Community Services Officer
General Manager, Subscription Rooms	Democratic Services Officer

Also Present

Kevin Elford, General Manager and Jamie Nesbitt, Area Contract Manager from SLM.

The Chair thanked Councillor Marjoram for being on the Committee and welcomed Councillor McKeown who had replaced him.

CSLC.023

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Loftus, Oxley, Reed and Wride.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

CSLC.025 **MINUTES – 6 SEPTEMBER 2018**

RESOLVED **That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 September 2018 are confirmed and signed as a correct record.**

CSLC.026 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Questions were received from Mr J Bassett and read out in his absence and are published on the [Council's website](#).

CSLC.027 **WORK PROGRAMME**

Councillor McKeown raised queries regarding the scrutiny of the Community Safety Strategy which were answered by the Head of Community Services. He would have a discussion with the Chair and Vice-Chair and they would get back to Councillor McKeown.

It was suggested that town and parishes are contacted again to see what they would like them to undertake and this could be compared with what they actually do. The Head of Community Services confirmed that the duties that the Neighbourhood Wardens undertook had recently been sent to all town and parishes at the time of their review. Confirmation was given that during their day to day work they remove posters and unsafe signage to comply with the road safety provision. The Head of Community Services confirmed that they are not contracted by GCC. The Chair would look into this and provide an update.

Dursley and Stroud Town Councils do not contribute to CCTV and it was suggested that town and parishes are asked again to make a contribution. The Head of Community Services would look into this. He also reminded members that a lot of information is already given to town and parishes at the Stroud District Town and Parish Cluster Meetings.

Confirmation was given by the Director of Customer Services that Safeguarding was reviewed by the Performance Monitors at their last meeting in November 2018.

CSLC.028 **MEMBER REPORTS**

(a) Performance Monitoring

The report had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

(b) Tourism Task and Finish Group

Councillor Craig the Chair, thanked all of the members of the group for their time and commitment, in particular Councillors Studdert-Kennedy, Tucker and Loftus. He had submitted a written report on behalf of the Group which set out their findings and recommendations. A significant amount of time had been spent talking to organisations, communities and local information centres.

Councillor Craig was nominated as the Council's representative to the Visitor Economy/Tourism Business Group by Councillor Jones, which was seconded by Councillor Tucker. He accepted the position for GFirst LEP.

Members unanimously

- RESOLVED**
- a) **To note the findings set out in this report.**
 - b) **To agree to share the findings with Gfirst LEP.**
 - c) **To nominate a Member from this Task & Finish group for Gfirst LEP to appoint to their Visitor Economy/Tourism Business Group.**

(c) Report of the Task and Finish Group: Stroud Tourism Information Centre (TIC) Review

Councillor Robinson outlined the above report on behalf of the Task and Finish Group and confirmed that 5 cross-party meetings had taken place. They had also met with the staff individually and collectively to discuss concerns.

Concern was raised with the quality of service that volunteers would provide in future, their supervision and training.

Councillor Robinson hoped that Stroud and other Town Councils would be able to work in a similar vein to Wotton-under-Edge and Nailsworth who had town information centres with a bolt on of tourist information.

Members agreed, with one abstention

- RESOLVED**
- To approve the recommendation by the Task and Finish group to close the SDC funded Stroud TIC on 31 March 2019 and change the service by encouraging the District Town Councils to develop a district wide tourist information service with the help of an SDC one off grant payment of £2,000.**

(d) Outside Bodies

- i. Police and Crime Panel – Martin Surl’s bid to oversee the fire service from GCC had been discussed at the last meeting and was currently out for public consultation from 7 – 21 December 2018. The final decision would be made by the Home Office.
- ii. County Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Councillor Lydon had sent the Chair a report which she would circulate to members.
- iii. Cowle Trust – Councillor Marjoram, due to illness had not been able to attend meetings, but after discussion he would continue to represent the Council for the rest of the civic year.
- iv. Subscription Rooms – Councillor Robinson confirmed that he and the Director had regular meetings with the Manager and had been provided with a list of bookings from 2018 – April 2019. Most weekends had been booked. The Chair praised the Manager for all of his hard work. The Director of Customer Services provided an update on the timetable for handover and confirmed completion would take place on Thursday, 28 March 2019. The current booking system would still be in operation to provide income for the trust until their own system was in place in January/February.

- RESOLVED**
- The Chair would ask Councillor Hall, the newly elected member for Dursley, if he wished to represent the Council at the Kingshill House Charitable Trust.**

CSLC.031 **COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE REVENUE ESTIMATES – REVISED 2018-19 AND ORIGINAL 2019-20**

The Accountant outlined the above report, highlighting paragraph 7, which was due to significant budget changes. She confirmed that there may still need to be slight changes due to the multi-service contract.

Members asked questions and officers replied, confirming the following:-

- The fixed price contract for gas/electric had expired and when renewed costs had substantially increased.
- The Pulse is continuing to overachieve against the income budget and the subsidy would decrease. There was still the potential for generating more income at off-peak times.
- Tourism (p25) – more in depth information would be circulated to members regarding this budget.
- Public spaces (p24) more detail would be circulated to members regarding this budget.
- Community Building Investment (p23) capital budget relates to Kingshill House, some of this budget will be used for essential repairs to windows. The adjacent cottage was also refurbished to provide future income.
- The Head of Community Services confirmed that his and the HRA budgets are currently being reviewed regarding the Neighbourhood Wardens.

RECOMMENDED **The revised CS&L revenue budget for 2018/19 and original**
to Strategy and **2019/20 revenue budget are approved.**
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CSLC.032 **UPDATE ON STRATFORD PARK LEISURE CENTRE**

Members received a powerpoint presentation from the representatives from SLM. They were working on initiatives to integrate people with exercise eg walking football which had many health benefits including reducing stress levels. The challenges ahead included engaging with teenagers and use of the football pitch during the daytime. The Chair thanked the two representatives from SLM.

RESOLVED **The presentation was noted.**

CSLC.033 **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

There were none.

The meeting closed at 9.17 pm.

Chair