

MINUTES OF THE LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF KINVER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2023 AT 7.00PM AT 95 HIGH STREET, KINVER

Present: Councillors: S Charlesworth-Jones (Chairman), S Anderson, Ms E Lord, Mrs C Allen, K Hosell, P Wooddisse and co-opted member Mrs S Harris.

Also present: Clerk Mrs J Cree, Cllrs K Davies and E Simmons.

1. To receive and note apologies for absence

Apologies of absence were received from Cllrs A Calloway (Vice Chairman), D McGirr, K Slade, J K Hall (Ex-Officio) and co-opted member D Tibbetts.

2. To record Declarations of interest regarding items on the agenda

None were declared.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 18TH October 2023

The minutes of the meetings of the Leisure and Amenities Committee held on the above date, having been circulated previously, were approved and signed as a true record of the proceedings.

4. Update on Projects

(a) Information / noticeboards update

The new noticeboard has been installed at the Burgesses. The new information board signs have been installed around the Parish information boards. It was agreed to remove this from the agenda as this was complete.

(b) Visit Kinver / Rebranding / Update on Kinver Archives

Visit Kinver Website

The traders have been asked to put forward their information for the Visit Kinver Website on their businesses and their events. The official launch should take place, of the new site at Easter time.

Rebranding

The Chairman and Cllr D McGirr will meet with Wolverhampton University to discuss the work required for the module, this runs up to February 2024.

Kinver Archives

It was suggested that it may be an option to explore keeping the archives in its current location, and perhaps help with the cost of storage? Any archives should be given to the County archive and they be digitally documented. For the next meeting we need a clear and concise objective for this potential project.

Cllr Mrs S Harris arrived at 7.10pm

(c) Update on Christmas Event

The event is organised and taking place on the 25th November, the traders have a late night shopping event on the 24th from 5.30- 9.00pm.

He thanked Cllrs A Calloway and Miss N Owen for their help and support for this event and thanked the volunteers for the help.

The costs will be detailed at the event review

(d) CA Newsheet

The Clerk has approached the editor and she has been informed that the CA Organisation are no longer producing the news-sheet or distributing it in its current form, as CA won't formally close. Therefore it would have to have its name changed and be re branded, the editor is thinking what to do next over Christmas and she will make contact in the new year with the Council.

It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council to meet with the editor of the CA News-sheet and report back.

(e) Kinver Market Review

The costings for the market show, that this is running at a minimal profit that is kept for replacing equipment.

Cllr S Anderson felt that the footfall has declined over the past 2 years, the reason for the market was to encourage people to come and shop in the High Street.

It was envisaged that the market would grow to an artisan market, which is where the market is at the moment. There is now breads, plants, pies, Indian food, cakes, ciders, beers, gin and craft stalls.

The issue the market faces it was felt that, the logistics, getting organised volunteer supervised help sorted before the market, rather than last minute call round asking for help. If more help is paid for then it would reduce any potential profit.

Co-opted member Mrs S Harris left at this point 7.54pm.

A discussion took place by the traders on the reasons of having a market both for and against, the poll that took place following this supported the market on a Saturday by 74%.

It was discussed whether to work with the traders on supporting their events like the daffodils, Easter, Halloween etc.

It was proposed by Cllr K Hossell to Recommend to the Parish Council that the monthly markets are stopped in favour of occasional themed markets, the details to be agreed. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs C Allen . On a vote this was carried with 5 for, 1 abstention.

5. Members reports on PROW Matters

It was noted the path by the Herons Gate is flooded again, this is with the County Council Rights of Way Department and they are working with the land owner on this.

6. Items for the next agenda -

Market, Kinver Archives, Rebranding, CA News-sheet , Christmas event review, Trees on the Cliff – update from independent working group, Blue Plaques update from independent working group- To be with the Clerk by the 10th January 2024.

7. Recommendations to the Parish Council

It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council

- to meet with the editor of the CA News-sheet and report back their discussions.
- that the monthly markets are stopped in favour of occasional themed markets, the details to be agreed.

8. Date of Next Meeting – 17th January 2024