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EXTERNAL COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council's External Committee held via Zoom video conferencing on Thursday 3rd September 2020, commencing at 7.15pm

PRESENT

Councillor C Jones (in the Chair), S Boyle, C Bulman, M Hunter, D Latham, G Orme, J Parry and V Perez

In attendance: N Antoney, Deputy Town Clerk and D Thompson Events Manager

EX2 – 163 Apologies for Absence

Resolved:

Cllr G Orme (Health) J Parry (Personal)

EX2 – 164 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Resolved:

Cllr D Latham declared an interest in all matters relating to F&B Business Support, member of F&B Working Group and anything relating to Ansa.

EX2 – 165 Public Participation

To consider any public questions raised on the night or submitted in advance.

Resolved:

No public questions were raised on the night or submitted in advance.

EX2 – 166 MINUTES

Resolved:

It was **resolved** that the Minutes of the meeting of the External Committee held on the 17th July 2020 be approved.

EX2 – 167 To consider current Planning Applications

The committee considered and discussed the current planning applications for Middlewich.

It was **resolved** to submit the Committee's planning decisions.

A) 20/3380C Location: 14, OLDGATE CLOSE, MIDDLEWICH, CW10 0PG

Proposal Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of rear single storey extension

Comments Deadline 02/09/2020

Committee Decision – No Objection subject to no impact on neighbour amenity

B) 20/3578C Location: 19 , King Edward Street, Middlewich, CW10 9BU

Proposal Proposed side and rear 2 storey extension to enhance accessibility within the house. Proposed 10sqm outbuilding for use as storage and therapy.

Comments Deadline 09/09/2020

Committee Decision – No objection to proposed side and rear 2 storey extension subject to no impact on neighbour amenity

Objection – To proposed 10sqm outbuilding for use for storage and therapy until more information received regarding the running of the business, clients parking due to close proximity to local primary schools, High School and the towns main park Fountain Fields

C) Location: Wardle Mews/Booth Lane Junction see attached Plan

The Council has recently been requested to consider the introduction of waiting restrictions on the junction of Wardle Mews and Booth Lane, Middlewich to tackle problem parking which is affecting the free movement of traffic and restricting visibility in this area.

The attached plan provides details of the proposed waiting restrictions which the Council could introduce.

Comments on this by Friday 4th September.

Committee Decision – Full support

EX2 – 168 Parks and Play Areas

The committee considered and discussed the report of the Deputy Clerk

It was **RESOLVED** that

1. The locking of the park revert back to Friday and Saturday nights during in term time and every night in October 2020 half term.
2. To continue locking at 8pm and to be reviewed at every committee meeting to go in line with the shortening of daylight.
3. To continue using the current security firm for the locking and opening of the park.

EX2 – 169 To Consider the purchase of face masks for pupils for Middlewich High

The Committee discussed and considered the report of the Deputy Clerk

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council would investigate the costing of supplying the whole High School with masks and that the Deputy Clerk write to Morrisons to consider co purchasing the masks along with the Council. It was agreed that the Deputy Clerk once all information been gathered to prepare a report for Full Council.

EX2 – 170 To consider the F&B30 Report EXT2004

The Committee discussed and considered the report of the Events Manager

It was **RESOLVED** that

1. To keep with the Commitments booking for F&B30
2. To keep with current line up
3. To check when balance is due to be paid

EX2 – 171 To consider the Christmas Light Switch On Report EXT 2005

The Committee discussed and considered the report of the Events Manager

It was **RESOLVED** that

1. That under the current guidelines, the traditional Christmas Light Switch on be cancelled for 2020
2. That under the current guidelines, the traditional Christmas Market on be cancelled for 2020
3. Subject to the current guidelines the Events Manager in discussion with local Public Houses to look into a Festive Fringe weekend and that all public houses to be invited.
4. The Events Manager to explore the Virtual Switch On
5. F&BWG to look at ideas at how support can be offered to the High Street and local public houses in the run up to Christmas and report back to the next External Meeting

PART TWO

To make a resolution to move into Part 2 session and exclude the public and press from the meeting on the grounds that the matters to be discussed contain confidential information relating to staffing and financial matters and commercially sensitive information.

EX2 – 161 To consider a new two year Folk and Boat Marketing Contract

The committee considered the report of Events Manager EXT2008 and the presentations of contractor A and Contractor B.

After Careful consideration it was **RESOLVED** to recommend contractor B to Full Council for the Marketing Contract for Middlewich Town Council's Folk and Boat Festival with a recommendation of a 12-month review after the first year.

Date of next meeting – Thursday 1st October 2020 at 7.15pm.

The Meeting concluded at 10.21pm

Councillor C Jones, Chairman

Signed

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