



LEISURE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

HALESWORTH
TOWN COUNCIL

**Tuesday 26th November 2024 at 6.30pm held in the Council Chambers,
London Rd, Halesworth**

Present: Councillors; J Moseley (Chair), R Kellett, G Pattison. K Greenberg.
L Simmonds (co-opted member).

In Attendance: Phillippa Welby (Deputy Town Clerk)

Minutes

- 1. Apologies** – Cllr Dunning and Revd. Gini Williams.
- 2. Declarations of Interest** – None
- 3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting** – The minutes of the 29th October 2024 were agreed and signed by the Chair. There was a request to add a Clerk's report to the agenda.
- 4. H-ASH**
 - a) Activities report – Cllr Kellett reported on the project of creating a baseline study of Halesworth's energy use. She has spoken to those responsible for creating the Leiston study. They have suggested that Halesworth could be a pilot for recreating this. Cllr Kellett will research costs and report back to this Committee.
 - b) Memorandum of understanding – Cllr Kellett will look at creating the H-ASH group as an unincorporated association.
- 5. Nature First Funding** – Clerk to send details of this grant to Save Our Swifts group and the Hedgehog conservation group in Halesworth.
- 6. Environment Policy** – Cllr Kellett to draft policy, to include a biodiversity policy as now required by legislation.
- 7. Youth Event** – Disappointing turn out to the Youth Event on Monday 25th November. Cllr Moseley gave an update on the Skate Park and MUGA projects. Funding is now available from ESC for working with young people, ideas are being discussed for this.
- 8. Skatepark and MUGA/Basketball court (multi use games area)** – The Clerk is meeting with an engineer to discuss works needed to strengthen bridge for the MUGA/Skatepark works.
Cllr Moseley reminded the Clerk to involve Sustrans in the project.

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9. Trees

- a) Saxons Way Planting Progress – a quote from ESSL had been received by the Clerk for £2890 plus VAT for the tree planting including the root barriers and trees. Waiting for a requote if HTC supplied the trees.
- b) Plans for tree giveaway at Christmas – Clerk to talk to Co-op to finalise details such as table position etc.
- c) Platinum Jubilee Oak – tree guard to be ordered. Clerk to check ownership of land for suggestion position for tree.

10. Marketing Stakeholder Working Group

- a) November meeting – the report was noted. Next meeting 15th January.
- b) Community Partnership Fund – A proposal for a joint marketing/history leaflet of the three towns with Bungay and Beccles had been submitted to the CPF. The application had been received by the CPF and the money had been ringfenced whilst the application was developed between the towns.

11. Workplan – Noted.

12. Correspondence

Cllr Kellett asked whether the committee could investigate the management of the land between the Hopkins development and the properties that back onto it (Dakings Drift, Allington Rd). There are Black Poplar trees that are producing suckers which will impact on the houses behind them. Clerk to investigate management plan in the planning application and to contact Hopkins/ESC.

The INK Festival organisers have requested a further grant to enable funding an extra youth orientated day at the festival. Full Council were minded support this request and the L&E committee was tasked with looking at their budget to ascertain whether this could be accommodated. The Deputy Clerk would advise full Council that the £5000 requested could be taken from the events budget (£1000) and youth development (£4000). The cultural, economic and community benefits brought to Halesworth by the INK festival were recognised by the Council.

13. Date of Next Meeting – 28th January 2025

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