

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY AND PARTNERSHIPS COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE MEETING ROOM, THE OLD MINING COLLEGE CENTRE, QUEEN STREET,
BURNTWOOD ON WEDNESDAY 08 MAY 2024 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM**

PRESENT

Councillor P Taylor [in the Chair]
Councillors Coe MBE, D Ennis, Evans, Gittings, Holdsworth, S Taylor and Wittstock

In attendance

Ms J Minor, Deputy Clerk
Ms K Horner, Community Development and Engagement Officer

PUBLIC FORUM

No questions were raised by members of the public.

65. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor R Ennis [Work Commitments]
Councillor Kirkham [Work Commitments]
Councillor Tranter [Prior Commitments]
Councillor Willis-Croft [Personal Reasons]

The reasons for the apologies were approved.

66. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Councillor P Taylor informed Members that Councillor S Taylor is going to become a Trustee of the Lichfield Garrick Theatre.

67. MINUTES

The Chair reminded Members that they were being asked to comment solely on the accuracy of the Minutes.

It was proposed by Councillor D Ennis and seconded by Councillor Evans and following a unanimous show of hands it was

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Community and Partnerships Committee held on 06 March 2024 [Minute Nos. 52-64] be approved as a correct record.

68. INFORMATION FROM THE MINUTES

There was no information arising from the minutes.

69. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Community Development and Engagement Officer confirmed that the consultation phase of the Garrick Theatre partnership project is ongoing. The Community Development and Engagement Officer along with the Garrick Theatre's Head of Community Engagement had met with students at Chase Terrace Academy, members of Burntwood Action Group, Primitas Learning Partnership, and held a community showing of Farm Boy at Burntwood Memorial Hall consulting with attendees during the performance. There is also a publicly available survey online which has been promoted jointly by the Town Council and the Lichfield Garrick. The Community Development and Engagement Officer, the Garrick Theatre's Head of Community Engagement and Councillor Evans have also arranged meetings within the next few weeks with primary schools in Burntwood.

The Community Development and Engagement Officer confirmed that two youth theatre groups are launching from the 13 May. Young Garrick Burntwood is available for 11 – 18-year-olds, it is free to attend, and sessions will be held from 4 – 6:30pm on Mondays at Chase Terrace Academy and Tuesdays at Erasmus Darwin Academy.

The Community Development and Engagement Officer confirmed that Dementia Action Week will be going ahead next week from 13 – 19 May. Working in partnership with organisations who are part of Dementia Friendly Burntwood, a programme of activities has been scheduled throughout the week for people living with dementia and their carers.

The Community Development and Engagement Officer confirmed that a dementia diagnosis event was held at the Memorial Hall at the end of April after working with Alzheimer's Society and Burntwood PCN. A text message was sent out to patients over the age of 40 inviting them to attend if they had concerns about theirs or someone else's memory. The event was very well attended, and patients were able to have direct referrals made to the Memory Service avoiding the need for a GP appointment, as well as access to additional information and advice.

The Community Development and Engagement Officer confirmed that Burton and District Mind have begun the process of launching their new Burntwood based adult mental health project after receiving funding from the Town Council and Lichfield District Council. They have recruited a Project Coordinator who will be starting in post shortly, and the Community Development and Engagement Officer was invited to be a part of the interview panel, showing Mind's commitment to delivering this project in partnership with Town Council.

The Community Development and Engagement Officer confirmed that the Sunflower Competition had been relaunched and is running until September. Unlike in previous years, the competition is open to Reception classes at each of the local primary schools rather than for children to enter individually. The class that grows the tallest sunflower will receive a £50 book voucher for their school.

The Community Development and Engagement Officer met with Richard Stevens from Coalfields Regeneration Trust to understand more about their new application process and available funding with the hope to attract more funding for projects in Burntwood.

In respect of the dementia diagnosis event, Councillor Evans said that it was unfortunate that not all of the doctors surgeries in Burntwood had sent out a text message to their patients informing them of the event. She confirmed that she had raised concerns with the relevant public body and it was hoped that another event [no date given as yet] would be held later in the year. However, she raised concerns that the Langton Practice which has surgeries in both Lichfield and Burntwood would

be holding the event at the Lichfield Practice and this would not be easily accessible by members of the public living in Burntwood.

Councillor P Taylor informed Members that he was a virtual member of Darwin Medical Practice's Patient Engagement Group and confirmed that he would be submitting a question to the next meeting regarding the dementia diagnosis event as patients who attended the event were able to have direct referrals made to the Memory Service avoiding the need for a GP appointment.

Councillor D Ennis referred to the meeting with Mr Stevens regarding the Coalfields Regeneration Trust funding and felt that this would enable the Town Council to signpost organisations to this fund. Councillor D Ennis informed Members that Housing 21 based at Smalley Court had joined forces with The Trident to raise funds for a defibrillator. As previously discussed, Councillor D Ennis confirmed that it was the intention that once the funds had been raised and the defibrillator installed then it would go onto the Town Council's routine maintenance schedule. Councillor D Ennis referred to a meeting he had had with representatives from Burntwood Swimming Club and he explained that the Club had recently appointed a new Chair who was open to engagement. Councillor P Taylor informed Members that a Better Burntwood Fund application had been received from Burntwood Swimming Club today and would be discussed at the next Committee meeting on 03 July.

70. INFORMAL UPDATE ON THE 2024 WAKES

Councillor P Taylor informed Members that not enough sponsorship funding had been received for the Wakes so far and the event was fast approaching so we needed to move forward with perhaps a smaller event. He confirmed that he was in communication with Lichfield District Council to see if the Town Council could 'borrow' their marquee which is also used for the Lichfield Fuse Festival which could possibly hold a smaller stage and busker type artists – a reply was awaited. The expenditure currently stood at £14,015.50. Members noted that a quotation had been received for a climbing wall/mobile cave. Councillor P Taylor had the support of the Committee.

Councillor Coe MBE asked if we could do a 'Burntwood Got Talent' Competition and Members were informed that this had been undertaken previously and Councillor P Taylor said that this could be something to look at in the future.

The Community Development and Engagement Officer confirmed that the Lichfield Garrick Theatre would also be attending.

71. INFORMAL UPDATE ON THE PLAY IN THE PARKS EVENTS FOR 2024

The Deputy Clerk gave a brief update on the current situation and confirmed that she was awaiting confirmation regarding Burntwood Park [all other venues had been booked].

72. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED That under the Public Bodies (Admissions of Meeting) Act 1960 (Section 2) (and as expended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information.

73. CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

See Confidential Minutes.

74. FUNDING OFFER TO FUN CLUB HUB

See Confidential Report.

[The Meeting closed at 6.55 pm]

Signed

Date