**BARNOLDSWICK TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of informal special meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 25th August 2021 by Zoom

**Cllr Mike Whittingham, Chairman in the Chair**

**Present**

Councillors David Whipp, Chris Church, Callum Hird, Mick Strickland, Jodie Hoyle, Tom Whipp, Jayne Mills & Emma West

**Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs Ken Hartley, Marjorie Adams, John Rose Parker, Mandy Boardman & Lindsay Gaskell

**Declarations of Interest**

None declared.

**Open Forum**

No emails were received and no questions were asked via the YouTube broadcast.

**Gardening for Health & Greenberfield Allotments Project**

Dr Hannah Jarvis from Manchester Metropolitan University gave a presentation to all councillors about a proposal to undertake a study into the benefits of gardening for young adults recovering from a stroke or long covid. The proposal is to work along side the Council and to obtain external funding to create the allotment plots in exchange for the use of 5 plots for the study over a 3 year period**.**

**The Council were unanimous in their support of the project. Clerk to liase with Dr Jarvis on the next steps and to write a letter of support for external funding.**

**Remembrance Sunday**

Cllr Callum Hird updated the Council on the current plans**.**

**Agreement was given to purchase equipment to enable livestreaming of the service on the Town Square and at the cenotaph.**

**Switch On Event**

Agreed to set up a working group with Tom, Callum, David & Mick

Order a 9m x 9m marquee to go in on the 7th November and come out on the 20th November.

**Christmas Light Contract**

Details were forwarded to members prior to the meeting. Agreement to waive financial regulations and award a five year contract to LITE which includes 2 new cones on the town square and refurbished cones on the lamp posts plus all of the items covered in the old contract. Agreed to install new bracket on Albert Road and Rainhall Road. Some locations need pull testing.

To consider the Council’s response to the following planning application:

Full (Major) Erection of a Research and Design facility Use Class E (g) (Light Industry) 2,340 sqm including diversion of Public Right of Way 13-1-FP3 at the site of Fernbank Mill, Fernbank Avenue, Barnoldswick for Hope Technology

That the Town Council fully support the proposal but asked if the perimeter fencing could be changed to the green mesh type and could some bollard lighting be added to the footpath route plus electric charging points on site.

**Events Programme**

**Suggestions Included:**

Spud Day – Feb 2022 (half term)

To make use of the Town Square after it is completed. Do something up until Christmas. Bespoke markets in December. Small scale live music. WCAC have supplied some funding for a small stage. Leave the tables and chairs out until October. Charity Stalls and artisan markets, car boots, bric a brac and antiques.

BOTS22 – to be held from the 2nd to the 5th June 2022 (Emma to call a meeting of the working group)

Agreed to set up a small working group to look at possible uses: Jodie, Callum, Tom, Chris, Jayne and David.

**Outdoor Gym Equipment**

Working group would like them in all of the parks. Looked at appropriate equipment for each site and some external funding options. Still awaiting quotes.

**Environmental Schemes**

The access track at Victory Park to the junior football pitch needs looking at. This has been filled but not to a good standard. Need to speak to the football club. Quote for patching was approx. 4k but 11k to overlay. To ask Pendle to put this out to tender.

We need to make the park more friendly for wildlife. Need 10 year management plans to include tree planting. To get consultants to help with this work. The same working group that is looking at the Heritage Trail to look at this .

**Other Schemes**

No other schemes were discussed

**Telecommunications Mast Letcliffe**

The Clerk contacted the company prior to the meeting and they confirmed that this is no longer going ahead.

**Correspondence/Items for information**

None

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