



Laverstock & Ford Parish Council

Incorporating Milford, Bishopdown Farm, Old Sarum & Longhedge

Meeting of the Communications and Community Engagement Committee on Tues April 02 at 7pm at the River Bourne Community Farm

MINUTES

Councillors present: Lesley Waller (Chair), Lainey Barker, Laura Jones

In attendance: Brain (Communications & Community Engagement Officer - CCEO)

The meeting opened at 7pm

CCE.24.001

Apologies:

None given

CCE.24.002

Declarations of Interest

None given

CCE.24.003

Approval of minutes of meetings held on Nov 29,2023

Minutes Approved.

CCE.24.004

Matters Arising from previous minutes

Cllr Waller announced that she would be retiring from the committee, and this would be her last meeting.

Christmas Cards: there were a few names on the Bishopdown Farm List that don't deliver to many (or any) other homes. CCEO explained they were kept on the list as a gesture of goodwill.

Meetings with Laverstock & Ford Sports Club : These have proved difficult to arrange, it was decided to leave for now.

Fun Dog Show: It was agreed that it was best for the Land Trust & Wiltshire Wildlife Trust to set one up when it suits them best but the CCEO is about to start monthly meetings with them.

Community Pantry: The pantry is coming up to its first birthday, numbers are steadily growing and they have introduced Warm Space and Chatty Cafe, plus holiday provision for families. The support from Abri Housing has been exceptional. The two managers have worked hard to grow the offer and meet the needs of the local community.

Care Homes: Cllr Barker & CCEO visited the Avonbourne Care Home in December 22, saw the wide range of activities and was given a tour of the Home, met residents and staff. Heartwarming to see the level of care, will work with the home to help encourage more people to go in as visitors, and attend their events via the newsletter and social media. CCEO will be attending their May 1st event.

The Community Police team: Meetings and information exchange is more regular and reporting has improved.

Youth Club at Bishopdown Farm: This is bedding in, with Salisbury Communities team reporting to Parish Clerk. CCEO encouraged Cllrs to arrange to visit.

Art Pillars at CHCP: This project to replace original artwork is going ahead. The parish clerk is waiting for Wiltshire Council to confirm the availability of public art funding.

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First Aid Training: CCEO passed three day First Aid training with Wiltshire Air Ambulance in November 23.

CCE.24.005 Officers Report

CCEO recommended the relationship with the CEV volunteers co-ordinators is re-visited and the Parish Council takes a more hands-on approach in supporting this volunteer project. It's not about duplicating work by emergency services and local authority but about supporting that with local knowledge and making sure Parish is self-serving with important equipment like sandbags. GRANT FUNDING talked about an application from a local youth group regarding setting up bursary funding and if it was appropriate for the council to do so, and that we would need a paper trail to evidence how many pupils were benefitting from this and what data it would be appropriate for us to have as evidence, An allocation policy with an assessment form, with two or three people making the decision and that the process is transparent.

CCE.24.006 D-Day 80 June 06, 2024

The committee agreed purchasing a lamplight of peace or a beacon wasn't necessary or cost-effective. CCEO referenced the information from Boscombe Down Aviation Collection about the importance of Old Sarum Airfield's role during the Second World War. The committee explored the possibility of celebrating D-day, Cllr Barker would like the PC to work with BDAC on an event. Agreed that Cllr Barker & CCEO will support BDAC's D-Day project in June to include articles in the Parish Newsletter and invite BDAC to talk at the forthcoming AGM. CCEO to encourage local groups, schools and communities to take part. Forthcoming AGM poster reviewed.

CCE.23.007 Working Group discussion

Agreed the committee should try and set-up an annual working schedule of events. After discussion it was agreed to recommend to council that the CCE committee should become a working committee, to allow greater flexibility in arranging meetings and in responding to matters that arise at short notice.

CCE.23.008 Exempt Business - Exclusion of the Press and Public

There being no exempt business, this item was cancelled.

The meeting closed at 20.27 pm

NEXT MEETING. The next meeting of the Communications and Community Engagement Committee is currently scheduled for 24 July at 7.30 pm at the Old Sarum Community Centre, subject to approval of change to a working group by full council and availability of councillors.