

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
ON MONDAY 15th SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 7.30PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL,
MARKET PLACE, NEWBURY, RG14 5AA.**

PRESENT

Councillors: Billy Drummond (substitute), Nigel Foot, Chris Hood, Roger Hunneman (Chair), Ian Jee, David Marsh and Martha Vickers.

In Attendance

Toby Miles-Mallowan, CEO

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Vera Barnett (substitute – Billy Drummond), Vaughan Miller & Meg Thomas

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

The Services Delivery Manager declared that Councillors Billy Drummond, Nigel Foot, David Marsh & Martha Vickers are also Members of West Berkshire Council, which is declared as a general interest on their behalf and a dispensation is in place to allow them to partake in discussions relating to West Berkshire Council business.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

PROPOSED: Cllr Martha Vickers

SECONDED: Cllr Ian Jee

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on Monday 14th July 2025 are approved and signed by the Chairperson.

4. OFFICERS REPORT

Cllrs **received** and **noted** the Service Delivery Managers Report

Committee **requested** that the CEO email Cllrs about NTC's position with regards to the Peace Gardens.

5. QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no questions received.

6. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

There were no questions received

7. ANNUAL BUDGET, QUARTERLY MONITORING, SUMMARY REPORT (APPENDIX 3)

The report was **received**

1. VICTORIA PARK PROJECTS SUB-COMMITTEE, REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

PROPOSED Cllr Billy Drummond

SECONDED Cllr Martha Vickers

RESOLVED to recommend to the Policy and Resources the following budget amendments to fund the Pergola development.

- £5,000 to be taken from the EMR 418, code 4776/306
- £1,800 from EMR 455, Code 4425/310
- £4,600 from EMR 456, Code 4541/345

PROPOSED Cllr Martha Vickers**SECONDED** Cllr Nigel Foot

Resolved to adopt option B in the Football options – to recommend to P&R transferring the budget to purchase football goals to supporting football infrastructure in Victoria Park, and that the additional funds are found from existing CS budgets.

Agreed that CEO write to West Berkshire Council regarding potential training bike track.

8. MARKET WORKING GROUP (APPENDIX 5)

Committee **noted** working group minutes of the 7th August 2025 meeting

9. GREEN SPACES WORKING GROUP (APPENDIX 6)

NOTED the councillors noted working group meeting minutes of the 6th June & 7th August 2025

Committee **commended** officers Kym Heasman and James Heasman's input into the Newbury in Bloom event. Committee also thanked the Sponsors, notably John O'Conner for their support of the event.

The Committee thanked Cllr Jee for his leadership and input into the Newbury in Bloom and Thames and Chilterns in Bloom.

10. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The following items have been added to the forward work programme for October.

- River Lamborne Riparian Rights Planning
- Budget Preparation
- Nightingales playground update
- Newbury Town Hall remedial works update

11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting to be held in the town hall, council chamber, market place, Newbury on monday 15th December 2025 starting at 7.30pm