

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MALVERN TOWN COUNCIL**

held on Thursday 12 October 2017

in the Council Chamber, Belle Vue Terrace, Malvern, at 6.00 pm

Councillors

Present

I Hopwood (Chairman)
C Bovey
M Harvey
L Lambeth (arrived 6:07pm)
P Mewton
P Smith

Absent

H Campbell (Apologies)
M Fletcher
D Watkins

In attendance

Cllr C Palmer
Cllr J Thomas
Charles Porter – Operations Manager
Linda Blake – Town Clerk
Lyndsey Davies – Minute Clerk

20. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor H Campbell.

21. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

22. NEW CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Report OC01/17 was received.

Members of the committee felt that the current lighting display should be updated as it had remained the same for over 10 years. The committee also asked that future consideration be given to a biennial display as this would give variation each year.

It was **AGREED** to replace the lighting display for the Christmas tree on Belle Vue Island as detailed in the report.

23. BANDS IN THE PARK: SURVEY RESULTS

Report OC02/17 was received.

Officers gave a brief overview of the Bands in the Park season, outlining that officers try to alternate bands each year, so that attendees do not have the same programme year on year. It was also noted that officers will be taking into account weather conditions for 2018, after two sessions this year 2017 were poorly attended due to very inclement weather.

The Committee **AGREED** to note the results of 2017 Bands in the Park survey.

The Committee also **AGREED** that Council Officers should take into consideration audience comments and recommendations when planning the Bands in the Park programme for 2018.

24. HEART OF ENGLAND IN BLOOM - REVIEW

Report OC03/17 was received.

Officers gave an overview of the Heart of England in Bloom Campaign for 2017, stating that a reduced input from other organisations had put Malvern Town Council Operational staff under pressure in getting the Large Town entry prepared for the judges.

Officers recommended that to ease the pressure for 2018 the town should enter the "Town" category of the Heart of England in Bloom competition. This would consist of three wards: Priory, Chase and Pickersleigh and allow the Town Council to concentrate on improving its own assets.

The Committee discussed several possibilities including a Town entry, taking a year's break, and entering another category such as the Cemetery or Parks and Green Spaces with Victoria Park.

It was **AGREED** that this matter would be deferred to the next committee meeting when members have had a chance to reflect on the matter and officers will have spoken with the Chairman of Malvern in Bloom to see what the views of the Bloom committee are.

25. WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee **NOTED** the Operations Work Programme.

26. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 16 November 2017 at 6.00 pm.

The meeting ended at 6.45pm.

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(Chairman)