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Minutes

Meeting of : Community Services
Date : 02 December 2024
Meeting held in : The Guildhall, Salisbury
Commencing at : 6.30pm

Present:

Chair: Cllr C Corbin Vice Chair: Cllr C Stanway

Cllrs: S Charleston, T Corbin, J King, J Broom and J Nettle

Officers: Sarah Gregson, Sam Johnson, Andy Hunt and Penny Muxworthy

Also present: 5 members of the public, for part

Apologies: Cllr Hoque

1. **Apologies:**

Cllr A Hoque sent his apologies and was substituted by Cllr Nettle.

2. **Public Questions/Statement Time:**

There were no questions or statements submitted by the public.

3. **Councillor Questions/Statement Time:**

There were no questions or statements submitted by Councillors.

4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

The minutes of the last meeting of the Community Services Committee held on 16th September 2024 were approved and signed by the Chair.

5. Declarations of Interest:

None declared.

6. Dispensations:

None requested.

7. Chairman's Announcements:

There were no Chairman's announcements.

8. Hangout Youth Club presentation:

Summer and Lola, members of the Hangout Youth Club, presented the youth club 'family's' thoughts (supporting presentation: [Hangout Youth Club presentation - Dec 2024](#)) on the youth club held weekly at the Friary Centre, and the importance it serves in local young people's lives as a safe, welcoming and inclusive space.

Councillors thanked them for their time, thoughts, passion and presentation, and asked what they would like to see in the future. Summer and Lola would like more 'activity-based' sessions including physical (eg team games) and creative (eg art and craft), but stressed that the programme is democratically decided by the young people themselves.

Sarah Gregson added that 18 young people are currently registered, with 12-15 attending each session. Trips out/away are also organised on additional random days.

9. 2024/25 Budget Monitoring update:

Sarah Gregson, Head of Community Services, presented the Budget Monitoring update to the end of September.

It was Recommended and Resolved that the Committee:

9.1 Notes the financial position at the end of September.

9.2 Acknowledges the Council's current financial position, supporting officers to comply with Financial Regulations and, where necessary, pause services where finances have been exhausted in year.

Approved by all.

10. Community Teams Update:

The committee received an update from Sarah Gregson, Head of Community Services, and Sam Johnson, Community Centres and Programmes Manager, on the work undertaken by the Salisbury City Council Communities Team. They provided extensive data on the engagement for the different areas delivered by SCC and provided explanations for the reduction and increases that can be seen.

Rob and Jackie introduced themselves and the voluntary work they do with the Community Services Team and Acorn Community Bank, particularly around financial advice. They come from a trading standards background and have volunteered with the communities' team for a year. Much of their work is around inclusion – financial and digital, assisting with access to information, forms and applications, and sign-posting to other appropriate services – along with just getting to know people. They are seeing increasing numbers of working people who are struggling financially but have no access to public funds (eg care workers); and housing association accommodation issues.

It was highlighted that many of Acorn Community Bank's challenges are in reaching people outside the city boundaries (ie more rural communities).

Councillors congratulated the team on the success of year-to-date.

It was Recommended and Resolved that the Committee:

10.1 Noted the report.

11. Exempt item:

In line with Local Government recommendations regarding confidential and sensitive financial and/or legal matters, this Item is considered an Exempt Agenda item.

It was therefore resolved that: 'in view of the confidential and sensitive nature of the matters to be considered, the Community Services Committee agreed to exclude the press and public from the meeting during the consideration of agenda item 11, based on the grounds that it may involve the disclosure of 'exempt information' as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Variation Order 2006, where the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in favour of disclosure

12. Matters, if any, which by reason of special circumstances the Chairman, decides should be considered as a matter of urgency:

None were raised.

There were 5 members of the public and no members of the press present.

The meeting closed at 20.05, on conclusion of the Exempt Item.