

## EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

### SCRUTINY (COMMUNITY REGENERATION, ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH AND WELL BEING) COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting of the Scrutiny (Community Regeneration, Environment and Health and Well Being) Committee in virtual environment on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

#### **Present:**

Councillors A Clarke (Chairman), Mrs P L Ackroyd, E W R Barker, L Beech, Mrs V J Gould, R G W Grosvenor, P Hudson, Mrs J A Killoran, G Lamb, Ms A J Legg, M Shrive and P Walker.

#### **Officers Present:**

The Head of Service (Mark Rizk), the Planning Manager, the Brewhouse Manager, the Communities and Open Spaces Manager, the Programmes and Transformation Team Leader and the Principal Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs B Brady and C D Wileman.

#### 102/21 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations at the commencement of the meeting.

#### 103/21 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business for consideration at the meeting.

#### 104/21 **MINUTES**

##### **Resolved:**

That the public minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020 be approved as a correct record.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

<b>Those voting for the motion Councillor</b>	<b>Those voting against</b>	<b>Those abstaining</b>
A Clarke		E W R Barker
L Beech		Mrs J A Killoran
Mrs V J Gould		M Shrive
R G W Grosvenor		
P Hudson		
G Lamb		
Ms A J Legg		
P Walker		

#### 105/21 **STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE UPDATE**

Sgt Justin Rai (Staffordshire Police) attended the meeting to provide an update to the Committee on Policing of the Covid-19 regulations and any issues emerging as a result.

Councillors noted that there had been an increase in the number of reported Covid-19 breaches in recent weeks, for example in that week alone, there had been 77 reports and the previous week there had been approximately 80 reports of breaches. This highlighted that the public were confident in reporting any Covid-19 breaches. All reports were treated in confidence. A patrol strategy was in place taking into account the hot spot areas of interest within the Borough and the Police were working very closely with Covid Marshalls. For the duration of the current lockdown, more enforcement had to be carried out, due to repeat reported breaches. 13 Fixed Penalty Notices had been issued the previous week, reasons included groups of people; businesses and to members of the public not wearing of facemask. At least 50% of the Fixed Penalty Notices issued were to businesses in the areas of interest. Self-isolation checks were also being carried out to ensure compliance, 10 had already been carried out that week and all had been compliant. The public were encouraged to report any possible breaches by telephoning 101 or submitting reports via the website, or alternatively directly to their local Police Officer. The focus for the Police was to deploy resources based on threat, risk and harm. Councillors were asked to advise Sgt Rai of any concerns in any specific areas which would then be considered as part of the patrol strategy.

An opportunity for questions followed.

It was agreed that summary information on areas of interest be provided to the Committee.

**NOTED.**

106/21 **S106 AGREEMENTS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF HEALTH PROVISIONS WITHIN A COMMUNITY**

Councillor G Allen (Deputy Leader Regeneration and Planning Policy) and Naomi Perry (Planning Manager) attended the meeting to provide an update to Councillors about the way in which the Council was working to support the development of health provisions within a community.

Councillors noted that in the past the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), or any public body representing primary healthcare providers, had not been a statutory consultee on major planning applications. Communications between the CCG and the planning department had improved and now the CCG were a statutory consultee on major planning applications. The CCG had now prepared a formula which they used to calculate an off-site contribution to be spent on mostly existing GP practices, to increase their capacity. The Borough Council would work with the CCG to support them in bidding for such monies.

At this juncture Councillor Mrs P L Ackroyd joined the meeting.

An opportunity for questions followed.

**NOTED.**

107/21 **BURTON SWANS PROJECT**

Councillor B G Peters (Deputy Leader Community and Regulatory Services) and Chloe Brown (Brewhouse Manager) attended the meeting to provide an update on the Burton Swans Project.

Councillors received a presentation on the evaluation that had been undertaken on the Burton Swans project. Over the spring of 2020, 25 giant swans had been individually designed, completed and then placed along the trail in the summer. Approximately

10,600 people visited the trail over a period of 10 weeks. An online survey was produced via the app, with the majority people stating it had a positive or very positive effect on the area and 85% of visitors indicating they would like to see a similar trail every 2 years. Councillors noted that 2021 would be the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the Brewhouse and an outdoor autumn event was being considered, to keep the public engaged. For the summer of 2022, the big Burton Carousel event was proposed, which could also link in to the Commonwealth Games.

It was agreed that a copy of the presentation and the evaluation report be circulated to the Committee under separate cover.

An opportunity for questions followed.

**NOTED.**

108/21 **UPDATE ON SCRUTINY REVIEWS**

Councillors received an update on the two reviews currently being carried out.

**NOTED.**

109/21 **EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORDS**

Councillors received for information a list of public Executive Decision Records.

**NOTED.**

110/21 **QUESTIONS**

No questions had been received prior to the meeting.

111/21 **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

It was agreed that the next meeting take place on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

**NOTED.**

112/21 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**Resolved:**

That, in accordance with Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting as it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that there would be disclosed exempt information as defined in the paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

Chairman