

TUNBRIDGE WELLS BOROUGH COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CABINET ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES of the meeting held at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells, TN1 1RS, at 6.30 pm on Wednesday, 30 March 2022

**Present: Councillor David Scott (Chairman)
Councillors Fairweather (Vice-Chairman), March and Ms Palmer**

Officers in Attendance: Terry Hughes (Community Safety Manager) and Denise Haylett (Head of Facilities and Community Hubs)

Other Members in Attendance: None

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

COM63/21 Apologies were received from Councillors Ellis, Hill, Patterson, Pope, Rands and Rutland.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

COM64/21 There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other significant interest made at the meeting.

NOTIFICATION OF PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

COM65/21 There were no members of the public or visiting Members registered to speak.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING DATED 17 NOVEMBER 2021

COM66/21 **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting dated 17 November 2021 be approved as a correct record.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING DATED 2 MARCH 2022

COM67/21 **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting dated 2 March 2022 be approved as a correct record

FORWARD PLAN AS AT 8 MARCH 2022

COM68/21 The Forward Plan was taken as read.

RESOLVED – that the Forward Plan as at 8 March 2022 be approved as a correct record.

PSPO 2022 - INTRODUCTION OF MEASURES TO ADDRESS ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

COM69/21 Terry Hughes, Community Safety Officer presented his report as per the agenda.

Discussion and questions from Members included the following:

- i. It was advised that a question would be put to the parking manager about whether a licence could be obtained to allow for

various activities in the car park during quiet periods such as skateboarding, and what was Tunbridge Wells Borough Council (TWBC) liability, given that they had taken on some risk.

- ii. It was advised that the order would be written to allow non risk activities such as band practice or farmers market to go ahead without falling foul of the PSPO.
- iii. The CSU along with Highweald Partnership ensured that the signage used in specific areas such as Sherwood Lakes was conducive to the area, not off putting and very clear.
- iv. Plans to have direct discussions with the local fishermen in those areas were in place to ensure they knew where not to fish, with other options highlighted.
- v. It was mentioned that the co-operation between the CSU and the Police was good and had improved.
- vi. It was advised that a plan was needed to determine how to evidence any discretion and some of the various options available were highlighted.

RESOLVED:

1. That in addition to the request for an order would be written to allow non risk activities such as band practice or farmers market to go ahead without falling foul of the PSPO, the recommendations to Cabinet as set out in the report be supported.

***COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2022/23**

COM70/21 Terry Hughes, Community Safety Officer presented his report as per the agenda.

Discussion and questions from Members included the following:

- i. It was advised that the CSU would endeavour to bring the figures to cabinet by means of a briefing if not available in time for the next meeting of the Committee.
- ii. It was advised that Tunbridge Wells was still a very safe place to live and although there had been an increase in crime they were generally of a low level and showed an increase in confidence in reporting crimes and the support available to offer the community.
- iii. Thanks was given to the Police, CSU and voluntary groups that helped make Tunbridge Wells a safe place to live.
- iv. On request Hate Crime was discussed and Inspector James outlined the measures that dealt with those offences.
- v. Details of the plan that dealt with violence toward women and girls taken out in November 2021 were highlighted which included safer streets funding and public engagement.
- vi. It was confirmed that plans were in place to have CCTV cameras introduced to Crescent Road, Torrington and Great Hall car parks to make Tunbridge Wells safer.
- vii. The quality of information received through the local reporting tool was considered to give a good indication about safe and unsafe areas in the borough.

RESOLVED:

1. That the recommendations to Cabinet as set out in the report be supported.

URGENT BUSINESS

COM71/21 There was no urgent business for consideration.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY 8 JUNE 2022

COM72/21 The date of the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 8 June 2022.

NOTES:

The meeting concluded at 7.13 pm.