



Minutes of a meeting of the Unity Wellbeing Management Committee held on Wednesday 25th January 2023 at Unity Wellbeing Centre, Vernon Street, Nelson

Commenced: 7.00pm - Concluded: 7.25pm

Councillors Present: Faraz Ahmad, Zafar Ali, Patricia Hannah-Wood, Russell Tennant and Yvonne Tennant

Absent Councillors: Nazeem Hayat, Mashuq Hussain and Atique Rehman

Non-Councillor (without voting rights): None

Observing Councillors (not a member of the committee): None

Officers: Nick Harbour – Assistant Town Clerk [minute taker]

Members of the Public: None

2022/023 (UWB)	<p><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> To receive and approve apologies for absence and reasons given to the Clerk prior to the meeting.</p> <p>None.</p>
2022/024 (UWB)	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS</u> To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from members on matters to be considered at the meeting. Officers are required to make a formal declaration about council contracts where the employee has a financial interest.</p> <p>None.</p>
2022/025 (UWB)	<p><u>ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</u> To adjourn the meeting for 15 minutes to allow members of the public to make representation on the business of the agenda for the meeting. No resolutions can be under public participation.</p> <p>No members of the public in attendance.</p>
2022/026 (UWB)	<p><u>MINUTES</u> To approve the draft minutes of the Unity Wellbeing Management Committee meeting held on 26 October 2022 (previously circulated).</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Ali and Seconded by Councillor Ahmad, and RESOLVED: That the draft minutes of the Unity Wellbeing Management Committee meeting held on the 26 October 2022 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair.</p>

<p>2022/027 (UWB)</p>	<p><u>CLIMATE EMERGENCY ISSUES</u> A standing item to identify and consider council initiatives which will help deal with the climate emergency through Nelson Town Council's functions, facilities, and any other remit.</p> <p>A list of recommendations had been passed on to all committees following approval at the most recent Full Council meeting in terms of what they could be looking at to make climate improvements.</p> <p>The Unity Well Being committee were asked to look at the usage of recyclable materials in the warm hub, which have now been implemented. Lighting and heat use also continue to be regularly monitored in the building to keep unnecessary usage to a minimum. The Facilities Caretaker ensures this is ongoing.</p> <p>Members noted the update.</p>
<p>2022/028 (UWB)</p>	<p><u>SELINA COOPER PROJECT</u> To receive an update on the progress being made around the work being carried out following the successful Heritage Lottery bid relating to the suffragist Selina Cooper and the Unity Hall in Nelson, Lancashire and to discuss the next steps.</p> <p>The Assistant Town Clerk stated that the works for the project are now completed and that Gary Webb is still showing groups around the building who are keen to learn more about the history of the hall and Selina Cooper.</p> <p>The project has now been fully signed off and all monies claimed from the Heritage Lottery Fund.</p> <p>Members were in agreement that this item can now be removed from this committee now that the project has been completed.</p> <p>Members noted the update.</p>
<p>2022/029 (UWB)</p>	<p><u>WARM HUB</u> To receive an update around the Warm Hub Project which is due to start in November 2022 to allow a warm space for residents to visit in the Revive Café late 2022/ early 2023.</p> <p>Councillor Ahmad gave a brief update on the Warm Hub. It has now been up and running for eight weeks.</p> <p>The number of users is increasing all the time which is encouraging news in that more and more people are hearing about the service. Some days over 25 people are attending.</p> <p>Tea, coffee, soft drinks and toast are all available at no charge to visitors. Newspapers, games and magazines are also provided. A new television has also recently been installed for people to watch when they visit.</p> <p>Nelson Community Masjid are now dropping food parcels off at 12:00pm to offer free hot meals to anyone wishing to have one.</p> <p>Decorating of the café area has now also been completed.</p> <p>Members noted the update.</p>
<p>2022/030 (UWB)</p>	<p><u>GENERAL MAINTENANCE TEAM</u> At the previous meeting of this committee, this item was requested to be placed on this agenda to discuss the general maintenance team at the Unity Well Being Centre and any works that may be required to carry out at the centre.</p>

	<p>The Assistant Town Clerk informed those present that the handyman and Facilities Manager had been working on a number of repairs in the centre, including fixing damaged tables and doors around the building.</p> <p>Painting works have now been completed in the main hall and also in the café area ready for when Revive reopens – hopefully in the spring once the Warm Hub project is completed.</p> <p>Two final jobs in the hall now need finishing off – a plasterer to repair the damaged wall in the kitchen area and also an electrician to try to resolve a lighting issue in the main hall upstairs.</p> <p>Members noted the update.</p>
<p>2022/031 (UWB)</p>	<p><u>ROOM BOOKINGS</u></p> <p>To receive an update around the figures generated for room bookings/ hall hire at the Unity Well Being Centre and to consider some block booking requests received by local businesses/ residents.</p> <p>The Assistant Town Clerk updated Members that £3,560 had been taken in hall booking fees between October 2022 to January 2023.</p> <p>Members were also asked to consider pricing for the upcoming financial year. Whilst ongoing running costs are increasing due to high energy prices, Members did not really want to increase the hire charges by too much. It was suggested that the main hall cost be increased from £80.00 to £100.00 which will also include the usage of the sound system.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Ahmad and Seconded by Councillor Hannah-Wood, and RESOLVED: That the main hall hire be fixed at £100.00 per session for the upcoming financial year 2023/ 24 – but this also includes the fee for the sound system should the user request it.</p>
<p>2022/032 (UWB)</p>	<p><u>ROAD AND PAVING OUTSIDE THE UNITY WELL BEING CENTRE</u></p> <p>To discuss the road and paving outside the Unity Well Being Centre and issues that may be arising.</p> <p>Some residents on Vernon Street have mentioned to Councillors that there are on occasions problems with speeding vehicles outside the Unity Well Being Centre after evening functions finish – particularly at the weekends. They asked that this Council contact Lancashire County Council to enquire about the possibility of speed humps being put in place to combat this issue.</p> <p>There was also a discussion about the slippery footpath outside the Unity Well Being Centre. When it's raining or snowing, the path is often slippery and could cause someone to fall. It was suggested that railings be put outside the centre to assist building users.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Ahmad and Seconded by Councillor Hannah-Wood, and RESOLVED: That the Assistant Town Clerk writes to Lancashire County Council to request speed humps are installed on Vernon Street and also to enquire about the possibility of a handrail being put on the roadside of the pavement outside the main entrance to the Unity Well Being Centre.</p>
<p>2022/033 (UWB)</p>	<p><u>DEVELOPMENT OFFICER PROGRAMME</u></p> <p>To discuss the potential of a development officer role within the Unity Well Being Centre.</p> <p>The Chair asked Members to consider a role of Development Officer at the Unity Well Being Centre. The idea of the role was to look to possibly employ somebody to help school and college leavers into work or voluntary roles in and around Nelson.</p> <p>Members were in agreement that the idea of support from the Unity Well Being Centre was a good idea, however felt that there were already enough agencies in place in the local area that had this role covered – such as student services at Nelson and Colne College and the Job Centre.</p>

	<p>It was agreed that in the future more organisations could be invited to make use of the Unity Well Being Centre to hold surgeries for such needs.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Ahmad and Seconded by Councillor Hannah-Wood, and RESOLVED: That local organisations are offered the chance to hold surgeries at the Unity Well Being Centre to offer one to one meetings with residents to talk through careers advice and training opportunities where necessary.</p>
2022/034 (UWB)	<p><u>ANY ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FOR A FUTURE AGENDA</u> To notify the Assistant Town Clerk of any matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.</p> <p>None.</p>
2022/035 (UWB)	<p><u>DATE OF THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING</u> To note the date of the next committee meeting scheduled to take place on Wednesday 22nd March 2023 at 7.00pm, Unity Wellbeing Centre.</p> <p>The date was noted by Members.</p> <p>The meeting was closed by the Chair at 7.25pm.</p>