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Minutes of a meeting of the Unity Wellbeing Management Committee held on Wednesday 31st January 2024 at Unity Wellbeing Centre, Vernon Street, Nelson

Commenced: 7.00pm - Concluded: 7.35pm

Councillors Present: Faraz Ahmad, Sughra Bibi, Anam Nawaz and Mohammad Adeel Qamar

Absent Councillors: Zafar Ali, Muhammad Ajmal Khan Ul Nisa, Mohammad Kamran Latif and Atique

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Non-Councillor (without voting rights): None

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

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

Signed Chair:

Members of the Public: None

2023/013 (UWB)	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE To receive and approve apologies for absence and reasons given to the Clerk prior to the meeting.
	Proposed by Councillor Ahmad and Seconded by Councillor Bibi, and RESOLVED: That the apologies received from Councillor Zafar Ali are approved and accepted.
2023/014 (UWB)	DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS 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.
	None.
2023/015 (UWB)	ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 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.
	No members of the public in attendance.
2023/016 (UWB)	MINUTES To approve the draft minutes of the Unity Wellbeing Management Committee meeting held on 25 October 2023 (previously circulated).
	Proposed by Councillor Nawaz and Seconded by Councillor Ahmad, and RESOLVED: That the draft minutes of the Unity Wellbeing Management Committee meeting held on the 25 October 2023 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair.

Dated:

2023/017 (UWB)

REVIVE CAFÉ

To receive an update around the recent takeover of the Revive Café space

Councillor Ahmad updated Members that Nelson Community Mosque are currently decorating the Revive Café space ready to move in imminently. New kitchenware has also been purchased by them and they are in the process of tidying up the kitchen area.

It is hoped that they will be ready to open to the public by mid-February.

Given that they are a non-for-profit organisation, Members were also asked to think about ways in which the local community could help generate funding for the project to assist them with ongoing running costs. Ideas such as fundraisers were discussed and Members will take this to their local communities for further consideration.

Members noted the update.

2023/018 (UWB)

ROOM BOOKINGS

To discuss the room booking takings for the current financial year and to review prices for the next financial year.

The Assistant Town Clerk updated Members that the banking had been completed for room booking takings at the Unity Well Being Centre between September and December 2023. A total of £2,330.00 had been made.

Members discussed the current prices and whether or not an increase should be made for the upcoming financial year. Given the increased cost in utility bills Members were in agreement to increase the cost of the main hall hire by £20.00 (from £100.00 to £120.00) but to keep the Pankhurst Room cost at £30.00 per session.

Proposed by Councillor Nawaz and Seconded by Councillor Ahmad, and **RESOLVED:** That the cost per session in the Selina Cooper Hall be increased by £20.00 (from £100.00 to £120.00) from 01st April 2024.

2023/019 (UWB)

GENERAL MAINTENANCE TEAM

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.

The Assistant Town Clerk informed those present that the previously discussed PAT test visit had now been completed and other electrical repairs were also finished.

Lancashire Fire and Safety had also been out in the last week to ensure that all the fire escapes and extinguishers were in good working order.

The Assistant Town Clerk will also be obtaining quotes for an evac chair to be installed at the far side staircase.

The back wall in the kitchen area of the Revive Café is showing signs of water again and this also needs looking into. It is likely being caused by the heavy rain over the last few weeks and a potential roofing issue.

Members noted the update.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD ISSUES

To receive an update around the neighbourhood issues which were discussed at the previous meeting.

At the previous meeting of this committee, Members had discussed a number of neighbourhood

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issues which were raised by local residents to the Unity Well Being Centre.

The complaints were based around the noise from the music system, parking on the street and also the use of fireworks on occasion.

The Assistant Town Clerk notified Members that both he and the Facilities Manager are stressing to customers that there are to be no fireworks to be set off from the buildings grounds.

The Assistant Town Clerk and Facilities Manager at the hall also stress that there are to be no fireworks to be set off from the buildings grounds when residents come in to pay for the hall hire.

Customers are also being reminded to ask their guests to park on the street on the side where the building is to allow residents to be able to park their cars outside their own homes.

The music system now locked so that the volume cannot be turned up on the system above a certain level and the Facilities Manager also stresses this at the start of the booking.

Members also agreed to contact the local MP to ask that Lancashire County Council consider some resident parking on Vernon Street.

Members noted the update.

2023/021 (UWB)

ANY ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

To notify the Assistant Town Clerk of any matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.

- Evac Chair
- Roof

2023/022 (UWB)

DATE OF THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

To note the date of the next committee meeting scheduled to take place on Wednesday 27th March 2024 at 7.00pm, Unity Wellbeing Centre.

The date was noted by Members.

Signed Chair:

The meeting was closed by the Chair at 7.35pm.

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