



**ILKLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
COMMUNITY FUND COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY FUND COMMITTEE HELD AT ILKLEY TOWN HALL ON  
MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2016 AT 6:45PM**

**Those present:** Councillor Sandy MacPherson  
Councillor Brian Mann (Chair)  
Councillor Libby Packett  
Councillor Mike Ridgway  
Councillor Joanne Sugden  
Councillor Andrew Walbank

**Officer:** Clare Smith (Clerk)

**Also present:** Councillor K Butler and Councillor S Butler

**1617/28 ITEM 1 - CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

The Chairman thanked those present for attending the meeting.

**1617/29 ITEM 2 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None

**1617/30 ITEM 3 - DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no disclosure of interests.

**1617/31 ITEM 4 - DISPENSATIONS**

There were no dispensation requests.

**1617/32 ITEM 5 - MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Proposed by Councillor Joanne Sugden

Seconded by Councillor L Packett

**RESOLVED:** The Minutes of the Community Fund Committee meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman of the Committee. *(Unanimous)*

**1617/33 ITEM 6 – RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** To adjourn the meeting in order to receive reports from invited guests and in order that the public be permitted to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any items of business included in the Agenda or ask questions on any other matter of relevance to the Parish. *(Unanimous)*

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**1617/34      ITEM 7 – CLERK’S BUDGET REPORT**

The budget report was received by the Committee and is attached to these minutes. Taking into account all committee expenditure and actual expenditure the remaining budget to date is £17,405.98.

**1617/35      ITEM 8 – WEST YORKSHIRE FINGER POSTS**

Councillor Sugden reported that following a lack of references and no accounts being available to view she had felt that it was not appropriate to place an order with the original supplier.

Councillor Sugden had now carried out further research and had found two alternative suppliers for the Finger Posts. Ironbridge Foundry and a Foundry in Sheffield had both been contacted and were both keen to carry out the work. Both are reputable businesses and will provide quotes for the work in due course.

**1617/36      ITEM 9 – STREET NAME SIGNS**

The Clerk will check with the contractor on the progress of this project.

**1617/37      ITEM 10 – OTHER PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**10.1    Ilkley Grammar School Counselling Project**

Councillors Ridgway, Mann and Butler had visited Ilkley Grammar School as a result of Councillor Butler being approached by the Assistant Headteacher, Mr Jamie Gutch. Mr Gutch had asked the Parish Council to consider whether it would be able to support a new counselling service at the Grammar School.

The project was addressing mental health problems in young people; a problem in schools nationally. These issues were linked to a wide variety of problems such as exam stress, bullying, social media, home problems and affected 10% of pupils nationally. This would equate to around 160 pupils at Ilkley Grammar School. It was felt amongst all Committee members that supporting a project such as this would be an excellent way of supporting the school and one that would benefit the community as a whole.

Councillor K Butler and Councillor S Butler both spoke of their support of this project and the benefit it would have if the Council were able to financially support the school with this.

The annual cost of a Psychotherapist visiting the school one day per week to offer support services to school service users would be £6375.

Proposed by Councillor L Packett  
Seconded by Councillor J Sugden

**RESOLVED** that the Community Fund Committee provide £1,700 to fund the cost of local Psychotherapist, Kate Graham, to visit the school one day per week from January 2017 until April 2017. The funding will be reviewed at this point and the school is to provide a report to the Committee. If the project is deemed successful after the first term, funding will be extended to a full year (£6375).  
*(Unanimous)*

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**10.2 Churches Together Ilkley (CTI) 2000**

Councillor Mann reported that CTI 2000 carry out very important work throughout the town with young people who have learning disabilities.

Councillor Mann proposed that the Committee should support the work of this organisation by making a £1000 contribution which would enable them to carry on the important work they do which includes the organisation of many community events.

Proposed by Councillor Mann

Seconded by Councillor S MacPherson

**RESOLVED** that the Community Fund Committee make a donation of £1000 to CTI 2000. The Committee would like CTI2000 to report back to the Committee on the work that was undertaken as a result of having this funding.

*(Unanimous)*

**10.3 Cenotaph Floodlights – Memorial Gardens**

Councillor Mann requested further information from the Parks and Gardens Department at BMDC on the possibility of installing floodlights around the cenotaph, as agreed at the previous meeting of this Committee.

The Clerk reported that Mel Smith (Parks & Gardens Manager) had responded to say that it would cost in the region of £10,000. This would be for a basic lighting scheme with LED recessed flood lights. The high cost is due to the need to get an electrical supply to the cenotaph with associated groundwork.

The Clerk also reported that she had been contacted by Historic England. Historic England intend to list the First World War memorial, Second World War memorial, pavilion shelters, gate piers, gates, railings and steps in Ilkley Memorial Gardens as structures with special architectural and historical interest. It was agreed that the Clerk would find out more information about this before any decision was made about funding any work at the Memorial Gardens.

Councillor Ridgway circulated photographs (attached) of the Memorial Gardens. It was agreed that the actual stonework of the cenotaph was in need of cleaning, there was a tree which Councillor Ridgway felt could be unsafe and was in need of inspection and many of the litter bins were rusty and damaged. The Clerk would ask the Tree Team at BMDC to inspect the tree and the other items would be addressed after the Clerk had gathered further information from Historic England.

**10.4 Restoration of Memorial Garden Railings**

Councillor Ridgway circulated photographs of the railings at the Memorial Gardens which were in need of painting urgently. It was agreed that Councillor Ridgway will ask the contractor who restored the Milestones to quote for this work.

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**10.5 Car Park Signage**

Councillor Ridgway circulated photographs (attached) of the very poor state of the signage in the main shopping car park on South Hawkesworth Street. This was the first thing that many visitors to Ilkley would see as they paid for their car parking and was a terrible first impression.

Councillor Butler reported that Ilkley Business Forum had been working with Bradford Council to replace this signage and an agreement was now in place. The Business Forum have expended a lot of money on attractive iron advertising boards around each parking meter. These are to be installed in the very near future.

**10.6 Riverside Litter Bins**

The Clerk is to liaise with Mel Smith (Parks and Gardens) to see if it would be possible for the Community Fund Committee to fund another 'Big Belly Bin' at Riverside Gardens and to discuss possible locations etc.

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**ITEM 11 – ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Notification of items for the next agenda should be submitted to the Clerk at least seven clear days before the next meeting.

**The date of the next meeting of this Committee is on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 6.45pm.**

**Meeting Closed 7:30pm**

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Item 10.3 – Memorial Garden Photographs



Item 10.5 – Car Park Signage Photographs

