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To: All Members of the Community Services Committee: Councillors A Brown, T Bush, N Farmer, D Jarman, A Jones, R Munn, A Thomas, A White and R Williams.

All other Members of the Council for information.

The next meeting of the Community Services Committee will be held in the Town Hall on Wednesday 11 September 2024 commencing at 7pm.

Yours sincerely

David J Martin
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Public Question Time and Petitions
3. Declarations of Interest

To receive any Declaration(s) of Interest under Corsham Town Council's Code of Conduct issued in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on 24 July 2024 – *for information only.*
5. Grant Applications

There is one grant application for this meeting. Health charity iID is applying for £1,250 to help fund the 'My Space' project that it runs at The Corsham School. The project uses Dance Movement Psychotherapy to support young people struggling with their mental health. Sarah Gilmartin of iID will attend the meeting online.

6. Community Wellbeing Update (*Minute CS 21/24 and others*) – The Committee will be updated on the Town Council’s latest community wellbeing activities.
- i) The Community Wellbeing Officer continues to visit and support a wide range of local groups and organisations.
 - ii) The Dogs for Health team are getting closer to working in the Corsham community and are now looking for referrals from The Porch’s social prescribing team. Funding will be sought, with the Town Council’s investment likely to be around £1,000.
 - iii) The Town Council has been working with the Good Practice Mentor Programme to bring free training to those in our community who work with older (50+) people. The mentors use the legacy, learning and resources from the Ageing Better programme (a seven-year project to reduce loneliness) to support organisations in reaching, connecting with, and empowering older people.
- The Community Wellbeing Officer is organising further free in-person outreach training from the Good Practice Mentors on 9 September 2024. This training will be linked to encouraging people to come to a drop-in event at Corsham Library, celebrating 10 years of the Library being at the Campus, the following week.
- iv) The Community Wellbeing Officer is co-ordinating the activities of local groups, including Celebrating Age Wiltshire (CWA), to hold events to mark Silver Sunday, the National Day for Older People, on 6 October. It is hoped that CWA will be holding a free concert at the Town Hall.
 - v) Corsham Youth Zone – Cllrs Brown and Abbott, along with the Chief Executive and Head of Community Services, met with Emma Drage of Corsham Youth Zone (CYZ) on 28 August to discuss the future governance of CYZ and whether it should seek charitable status, or link up with another youth organisation (eg The Rise Trust) for support with HR, employing youth workers, payroll, etc.
 - vi) A draft Community Wellbeing Strategy for the Town Council has been produced (attached). Once the Strategy is approved, a Community Wellbeing Action Plan will be produced for discussion at November’s Community Services Committee meeting.
- *for consideration and approval.*
7. Corsham – An Age-friendly Community (*Minute 22/24*) – Cllr Brown and the Head of Community Services will update the Committee on the latest steps taken towards Corsham becoming an Age-friendly Community – *for information and discussion.*
8. StoryTown (*Minute CS 23/24 and others*) – The Committee will be updated on the progress of Jenny Hulme’s ‘Story Arcs’ work with local businesses – *for information and comment.*
9. Public Art Projects (*Minute CS 24/24 and others*) – The Committee will be updated on The Potley Community Arts Project (PACT) and Brunel Shed Container Project – *for information and comment.*
10. Public Art Sites - Priority List (*Minute CS 25/24*) – At the Community Services Committee Meeting on 24 July 2024, it was: *Resolved – That the current Public Art Sites list be circulated to all Councillors for their comments, and these would then be considered by the Public Art Task Group, with a new priority list drawn up for approval by the Community Services Committee.*

The Arts Officer has received no comments on the Priority List from Councillors, so it is suggested that the Public Art Task Group, on behalf of the Town Council, considers possible public art sites and creates a new priority list for approval by the Community Services Committee – *for discussion and approval.*

11. The Pound Arts Centre – (*Minute CS 26/24*) – The second meeting of The Pound Arts Centre Support Working Group took place on 5 September. The Committee will be updated on the discussions that took place and the planned next steps – *for information and comment*.
12. Events Update (*Minute CS 27/24 and others*) – The Committee will be updated on:
 - i) Summer Busking Saturdays (4 May-28 September 2024)
 - ii) Summer Holiday Trails (22 July-8 September 2024)
 - iii) Street Fair (7 September 2024)
 - iv) Skate Jam (21 September 2024) – This is part of the project, being led by the Corsham Skatepark Group, with support from the Head of Technical Services and Property and Amenities Committee,

The Committee is also asked for suggestions for this year's Christmas Lights Switch On event on 6 December 2024 – *for information and comment*.

13. Event Dates for 2025 – The Committee is asked for its comments on the following suggested dates for Town Council events in 2025.
 - i) Eco Fair – Saturday 26 April 2025 (This is later than previous years as Easter is the weekend of 18-20 April. Earth Day is 22 April 2025 so the Eco Fair would still be able to use Earth Day as a theme, should that be required.)
 - ii) Taste of Corsham – This year's Taste of Corsham, held on 15 June, clashed with a number of major local events (eg Chippenham Pride, Trowbridge's Midsummer Festival) meaning a number of regular stallholders went elsewhere. It is recommended that changing the mid-June date be considered. Alternatives include 17 May, 28 June (Glastonbury Festival weekend, which may still impact), 5 July (usually the Summer Fete weekend in alternate years (not 2025) and there is already a family event planned at Hartham Park) or 12 July.
 - iii) Street Fair – Saturday 13 September 2025
 - iv) Christmas Lights Switch On – Friday 5 December 2025
14. Business Support Update (*Minute CS 68/23 and others*) – The Head of Community Services will update the Committee on the upcoming Business Breakfast, due to be held at Hartham Park on Tuesday 1 October 2024. The presentations will see a continuation of the 'Creative Ideas for 2024' theme at previous Breakfasts. Sarah Gibson, MP for the Chippenham constituency, is also planning to attend to discover what matters to local businesses.