

OLNEY TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of Olney Centre Management Committee meeting held at The Olney Centre on 19 July 2021 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllrs, Bethune, Varley, Brock, Geach, Aldred

In attendance: Sarah Kennedy, Deputy Town Clerk

OCM21/01 To elect a Chairman

Resolved: that Cllrs Bethune and Geach share the Chairpersons responsibilities for this Committee. All in favour.

OCM21/02 To receive apologies for absence

Resolved: apologies for absence were received from Cllr Ward and Cllr Whitworth

OCM21/03 Declaration of interests in items on the agenda

Resolved: there were no interests declared

OCM21/04 To review the Committees Terms of Reference

Cllr Aldred proposed that the Committee are allowed to approve items up to £10,000 until we have reached the budget. This was seconded by Cllr Geach.

Resolved: all in favour

OCM21/05 An update on work that has taken place in The Olney Centre

The Deputy Town Clerk advised the total cost for painting the OTC would be £11,790. £7,340 has been paid for painting of all the rooms, the hallways and corridors are still to be painted. Work has been done on the Drystone walls by the pre-school and a new floor has been laid in the preschool covered by insurance.

Resolved: noted

OCM21/06 Consideration of future redecorations

Works to be carried out the gutters and windows require cleaning and maintenance work is required on the stonework at the front of the library.

IT work is to be carried out to install Wi-Fi points scheduled for 26 July 2021.

Signed: Cllr Bethune, 20th September 2021

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The Deputy Town Clerk suggested the toilet area is adapted to house a fireproof cabinet. Cllr Geach proposed we get a quote for two or three options, this was agreed.

The Deputy Town Clerk advised we had been quoted £560 for cladding in room 4. Cllr Geach proposed we accepted the quote and get the room painted, this was seconded by Cllr Bethune, all in were in favour.

In addition to the quote for the OTC, the previous Town Clerk had requested a quote for painting of the library, and this was received at £6,904, which she then approved. Cllr Geach proposed that this work was put on hold and reconsider next year. Seconded by Cllr Brock and all were in favour.

The ex-Town Clerk had ordered a monitor for the atrium area to show events taking place in the Olney Centre. Cllr Geach asked for permission by the Committee to cancel this order and all were in favour of this.

A camera had also been ordered for live streaming and Councillor Geach asked for the committee's permission for this equipment to be sent back. The committee were all in agreement with this.

Cllr Geach, Cllr Brock, Cllr Bethune are going to meet with the remit of coming up with a way of the Centre break even and making the Olney Town Centre more accessible. Cllr Geach suggested we should have a relaunch of the Centre.

Resolved: noted

Meeting ended at 8:26pm