

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 15 OCTOBER 2015 at 7.30 pm AT BURTON VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr P Brook in the Chair

Cllrs B Armer; R Barraclough; S Beresford; J Cowan; B McGuin; M Sykes and J Taylor.

In attendance: Mrs L Gardner and Mrs A Royle

- Resolved:** To elect Cllr Armer as Chairman of the Library Committee for the year 2015-2016. **L1 Election of Chairman**
- Apologies were received from Cllr Burton, the reason for which was accepted. **L2 Apologies and Declarations of Interest**
- The following personal interests were declared:
Cllr Armer in Kirkheaton Library as he knows members of Yetton Together and in all the libraries, as he is a member of the Kirklees Overview and Scrutiny Committee, which would be considering library provision. Cllr Beresford in Lepton Library as he is involved in establishing a Friends of Lepton Library group. Cllr Brook in Kirkheaton Library as she is a member of Yetton Together. Cllr Cowan in Shepley Library as he is a director of the Shepley Hub Community Interest Company. Cllr McGuin in Lepton Library as he is involved in establishing a Friends of Lepton Library group. Cllr Taylor in Shepley Library as he is a director of the Shepley Hub Community Interest Company.
- No members of the public wished to address the Committee. **L3 Public Participation**
- Resolved:** To hold the meeting in the public session. **L4 Admission of the Public**
- Members noted the verbal updates on the situations at Kirkburton, Kirkheaton, Lepton and Shepley Libraries. **L5 Updates on Libraries**
- Members noted that the Kirklees Cabinet was shortly to consider the Parish Council's Community Asset Transfer application for the Kirkburton library building. A discussion on various aspects of the Business Plan ensued. The Clerk was asked to clarify the building costs with Kirklees Council*. **L6 Community Asset Transfer Application**
- Members considered providing funds to the Friends of Lepton Library to carry out a feasibility study into the means of maintaining a library service in Lepton, the level of funding to be made available and the procedures the group will need to follow to access the funding. **L7 Friends of Lepton Library Funding**
- Recommendation:** To request the Management & Finance Committee considers providing up to £1,000 to the Friends of Lepton Library to carry out a feasibility study into the means of maintaining a library service in Lepton. Also to consider the procedures the Friends will need to follow to access the funding.
- Cllrs Brook, Cowan and Taylor left the room.
- Members considered making initial financial support available to the groups hoping to secure the library services in Kirkheaton and Shepley, the level of funding to be made available and the procedures the groups need to follow to access the funding. **L8 Funding for Kirkheaton and Shepley library groups**
- Recommendation:** To request the Management & Finance Committee considers providing up to £1,000 to both Yetton Together and the Shepley Hub CIC, to be used as start-up funding towards establishing a library service in Kirkheaton and Shepley. Also to consider the procedures the two groups will need to follow to access the funding.

Cllrs Brook, Cowan and Taylor re-entered the meeting.

Members considered the arrangements for the public meeting to be held on 30 November in relation to providing an update on the transfer of the Kirkburton Library Building.

L9 Friends of Burton Library Public Meeting

Recommendation: That the Chairman of the Library Committee provides an informal update at the public meeting.

Members considered the request for a telecommunications installation at Kirkburton Library as requested by Council. The Clerk reported that further details requested from the company had not yet been received.

L10 Telecommunication Installation

Recommendation: That the Friends of Kirkburton Library are consulted and the item deferred until further information is available.

Members considered if it were appropriate to make any reductions in the budget for the current year.

L11 Library Budget 2015/16

Recommendation: That £5,000 is transferred to the general reserve leaving £7,000 in the library budget for 2015/16.

Members considered making a recommendation to the Management & Finance Committee on next year's budget allocation.

L12 Library Budget 2016/17

Recommendation: Not to make a recommendation on the library budget for 2016/17.

Members considered the meeting dates for 2015/16.

L13 Committee Meeting Dates

Resolved: That the Chairman and the Clerk would liaise on the date of the next meeting.

The meeting then closed.

*Amended at the Council meeting held 5.11.15