



Hednesford Town Council
Regeneration and Community Committee Meeting
Tuesday 1st July 2025 at 630pm

Meeting held at Pye Green Community Centre, Bradbury Lane, Hednesford, WS12 4EP

Present

Cllr Ann Turville (Chair)
Cllr Shelia Cartwright
Cllr Alan Pearson
Cllr Shirley Pearson
Cllr Arthur Roden
Cllr Ron Turville

In attendance from Hednesford Town Council

Community Support Officer
Project Support Officer

Members of the Public

One member of the public attended the meeting

1. Apologies

Cllr Debbie Cartwright
Cllr Carl White

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were raised

3. Minutes

To review and approve the minutes from the Committee Meeting held on 25th February 2025

Propose: Cllr A Pearson
Second: Cllr R Turville
Agreed: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 1

4. Public Participation

It was requested to note thanks to the Chief Officer for the manner in which she has dealt with questions and provided responses

5. Community Officer Update

The Community Officer gave a verbal update on the following –

a) Community Consultation

This was launched on 16th June and is available in via posters, website or paper copies.

All Councillors were requested to engage with the Community and raise awareness of the consultation.

A specific youth consultation covering 11 to 18 years of age will be conducted in September with partners.

b) Community Art Project Update

HTC has engaged with the project by utilising CIL funding. The funding will allow the artist who is designing benches for the Wayfinding Trail to consult with local schools and groups at interactive workshops and design a bench for the trail for Hednesford Town Council.

The artist, Anthony Hammond, will attend the Full Council on 9th September to update on the initial design for the bench.

c) Martyn's Law information and potential implications

Provided an update on a briefing that was delivered by Cannock Chase District Council and Counter Terrorism Officers. Event Management Plans ensuring appropriate adherence to Martyn's Law will be required for future public events involving Hednesford Town Council.

d) Remembrance Event Planning

Remembrance Sunday will be on Sunday 9th November 2025.

Planning for the event is underway.

e) Christmas Light Switch On

Planning is already underway.

Spotty Dog Events have agreed to deliver an event for the Light Switch On; the current plan is for the event to be on Saturday 6th December.

f) Community Officer Drop In

The Community Officer proposed holding 'drop-in' sessions for Councillors to raise any issues or ideas for improvement in the community. The sessions will be held from 5:30pm to 6:30pm immediately before the scheduled Regeneration and Community Committee meetings.

6. Project Support Officer Update

The Project Support Officer gave a verbal update on the following –

a) Hanging Baskets

Six baskets have been placed in Anglesey Gardens, thanks to Cannock Chase District Council for their assistance in placing the baskets and commitment to ensure they are watered. Funded via UKSPF

Six baskets have been donated to Hednesford Park. These are also in place.

b) Damage to noticeboards

Damage has been reported to the noticeboards on Pit Pony Way and Noble Road. Remedial repairs have been carried out to ensure both notice boards are watertight and lockable.

c) Repair to road surface update – Anglesey Gardens

The new tarmac is to be removed and like for like bricks cut to size and replaced. Thanks to Cllr Paul Jones for his assistance with this matter.

d) Introduction of charges at Anglesey Street Car Park – update

Cannock Chase District Council are waiting for their Legal team to issue an Enforcement Notice. This will be issued to key partners (including HTC) for comment and placed at the car park. 21 days are allowed for any comments / objections to be returned.

e) Lockable Bollards on Market Street

Cllr Turville asked who held the keys for the two lockable bollards on Market Street. It was noted that the bollards are located on private land. The Project Support Officer will make enquiries.

f) Cotswold Road Playing Field

Cllr S Pearson asked if there was an update on the potential of acquiring the lease for the Cotswold Road playing field from Cannock Chase District Council (CCDC). CCDC lease the land from Staffordshire County Council (SCC), SCC have agreed to release a redacted copy of the lease to Hednesford Town Council for review and consideration.

g) Support Local Hednesford – discussion on steps and ideas to support the High Street

Following a discussion, it was proposed that a sub-committee is created to focus on identifying and delivering initiatives to support Local Hednesford. The sub-committee will be chaired by Cllr Roden and attended by Cllr A Turville and Cllr S Pearson. The Committee will meet at 10:00am, dates to be agreed.

Proposed: Cllr A Pearson

Seconded: Cllr R Turville

Agreed:6

Against:0

Abstain:0

7. Cllr Arthur Roden

a) Hednesford Hopper – discussion on use and uptake

Following a discussion, a request was made for the actual usage to be confirmed and brought back to the next Committee meeting or Full Council Meeting.

- b) Lack of light fittings and bulbs at the pedestrian crossing on Station Road – a discussion between Cllr Roden and Cllr A Pearson confirmed that this work is in progress.
- c) Lack of a litter bin outside the Valley Medical Practice – to be brought to the Support Local Hednesford sub-committee.

8. Discarded Chewing Gum at Pye Green Community Centre

Cllr R Turville asked if a notice could be displayed at the Pye Green Community Centre to request that chewing gum is placed in a bin.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 16th September 2025 at 6:30pm

The meeting closed at 7:30pm

Signed:

Date: