

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOCIAL ISOLATION WORKING GROUP AT WITHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD 7th MAY 2021 AT 10:00AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

Present:- Councillors S Ager, C Jay, C Lager, M Weeks
Staff: N Smith - Deputy Town Clerk
Members Kim Barker

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Cliff Livermore who was unwell.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD 17th JANUARY 2020 and 16th MARCH 2020

Minutes from the previous meetings were received and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

4. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk did not give a report.

5. COFFEE MORNINGS

Members discussed the feasibility of holding Coffee Mornings in the Function Room of the Town Hall or a local coffee shop on a Saturday morning.

It was **AGREED** that a volunteer coffee morning would be held on 26th June 2021 in the Town Hall to thank those who helped with the Home Alone Christmas Event.

It was **AGREED** that Costa Coffee would be approached about the possibility of holding a coffee morning on their premises at the end of July 2021.

6. POP UP STALLS

Members discussed holding Pop Up Stalls in conjunction with the Police to publicise the issue of financial fraud.

It was **AGREED** that the Community Special Constables would be approached and asked if they had availability on either 16th July or 23rd July to hold a Pop Up Stall on the River Walk.

It was **AGREED** that Redrow would be asked for permission to hold a Pop Up Stall on the green at Evans Way, date to be arranged.

It was **AGREED** that Aldi Supermarket would be approached and asked if the Social Isolation Working Group could hold a Pop Up Stall on their premises.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Members discussed a potential "Penpals Scheme" between local primary schools and care homes.

It was **AGREED** to gauge interest from care homes and local primary schools.

Members discussed the possibility of placing a Friendship bench outside the Town Hall. It was **AGREED** that further information would be sought.

Members discussed holding a Men's Mental Health Walk in October 2021. It was **AGREED** to refer this to the Community Committee where a guest speaker would be invited to attend.

8. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Members agreed that the group would meet next at the start of September 2021 with the date being confirmed by the Deputy Town Clerk.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 11:00AM.

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Councillor Mrs S Ager
Chairman