

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

Present:- Councillors	S Ager, C Lager
Staff:	N Smith - Deputy Town Clerk
Members	Kim Barker
Guest	Jayne Lakin - United in Kind

9. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Susan Ager was appointed as Chairman for the Civic Year 2021-2022

10. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Councillor Clare Lager was appointed as Vice Chairman for the Civic Year 2021-2022

11. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Jay who had a previous engagement and Cllr Rajeev who was unwell.

12. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Minutes from the previous meeting held 7th May 2021 were received and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

13. UNITED IN KIND

Members received a verbal report from United in Kind Coach, Jayne Lakin about their current projects which include Christmas Wish Tree, Care Crates, Teddy Tassle and Friends and Cards of Kindness.

14. POP UP STALLS

Members discussed holding Pop Up Stalls in conjunction with United in Kind and the Royal British Legion.

It was **AGREED** that The Grove Centre would be approached and asked if a stall could be held on either 14th or 27th October 2021 and 7th or 14th April 2022.

15. CHRISTMAS

Members discussed ways in which the Working Group could become involved with the community over the Christmas period.

It was **AGREED** that the Deputy Town Clerk would investigate the viability of Members accompanying the Mayor to local care homes to sing carols to residents.

It was **AGREED** that a Christmas Card project would be investigated by the Deputy Town Clerk.

16. REVIEW OF COMMITTEE OBJECTIVES

Members discussed the efficacy of the group and it was **AGREED** to recommend to the Community Committee closure of the Social Isolation Working Group and that all outstanding business be moved to the Community Committee for consideration.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 11:11AM.

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Councillor Mrs S Ager
Chairman