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**Public Participation Session**

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Chairman of the Council, Councillor Susan Davidson, presented an award to the Grenoside Litter Pickers *“in recognition of the beautiful green spaces they have created and maintained, championing the environment and helping make Grenoside a lovely area for the community”*.

An opportunity was then provided for members of the public to ask any questions of the Council. Two residents enquired about an under utilised area of land in the Ironstone Estate, Thorncliffe which they considered could be more beneficially used as a play area, park or similar, especially as the provision of recreational facilities in the area was limited. It was confirmed that the land was in the ownership of Sheffield City Council. Councillor Alan Hooper (in his capacity as Chairman of the North Sheffield LAC and City Councillor for the area in which the site is located) offered to meet with them on site, together with Sheffield City Councils Park’s Manager, to discuss options for the land, which was welcomed.

Reference was also made to the condition of the footpath next to this area of land. Councillor Rob Reiss agreed to look into this especially as he had previously raised concerns with officers of Sheffield City Council, as the Sheffield City Ward Councillor for the area, about the condition of footpaths in the local area.

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**Minutes of Meeting of Ecclesfield Parish Council held on Thursday  
4 April 2024 at the Council Offices**

**The meeting commenced: 7.15 pm - concluded: 8.55 pm.**

**Councillors Present.** Susan Davidson (Chairman), Andrew Bainbridge, Victoria Bowden, Dr. John Bowden, Denise Fearnley, Alan Hooper, John Housley, Kate Guest, Mike Levery, Michael Morrissey, Rob Reiss, Thomas Sturgess and Alan Woodcock.

**Absent Councillors.** Adam Hurst and Anthea Brownrigg.

**Officers.** Andrew Towlerton – Parish Clerk/RFO and Laura Tickle Financial and Administration Officer.

**Members of the Public.** Two.

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**Chairman’s Announcement**

The Chairman, Councillor Susan Davidson, then commenced the meeting. She outlined the procedures to ensure that it was effective, lawful and safe.

<p><b><u>2023/156</u></b> <b><u>(FC)</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Item 156: Apologies and Reasons for Absence</u></b></p> <p>The Chairman stated that an apology had been received from Councillor Adam Hurst.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Alan Woodcock and seconded by Councillor Michael Morrissey and <b>RESOLVED:</b> That the apology and reason given for absence by Councillor Adam Hurst be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(13 in favour)</i></p>
<p><b><u>2023/157</u></b> <b><u>(FC)</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Item 157: Registers of Interests</u></b></p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had not received any declarations of interest.</p>
<p><b><u>2023/158</u></b> <b><u>(FC)</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Item 158: Exclusion of Press and Public</u></b></p> <p>The Chairman explained that she did not consider that there were any items that required the exclusion of the press or public.</p>
<p><b><u>2023/159</u></b> <b><u>(FC)</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Item 159: To receive a presentation by Thorncliffe Community Sports</u></b></p> <p>John Brownrigg provided a verbal and written report on the various projects led by Thorncliffe Community Sports and supported by the Parish Council. A detailed and wide-ranging discussion then took place on this. This focused on a series of questions which the Chairman had provided to Thorncliffe Community Sports in advance of the meeting. John Brownrigg offered to provide further clarification on what the remaining unspent amounts from the grants provided by the Council to Thorncliffe Community Sports for the Amateur Boxing Gym and Pavilion had been earmarked for as well as the outstanding pre-commencement planning conditions. John Brownrigg also said that he would be pleased for the various documents he had provided to be circulated to Councillors, which the Clerk agreed to do.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Kate Guest and seconded by Councillor Mike Levery and <b>RESOLVED:</b> That the Council is sympathetic to the hurdles that Thorncliffe Community Sports are facing in developing the new Pavilion and Boxing Gym and subject to the information and clarification requested being satisfactorily provided would, in principle, be happy to see how it is possible for the Council to support them further.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(12 in favour, 1 Abstention)</i></p>
<p><b><u>2023/160</u></b> <b><u>(FC)</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Item 160: Council Minutes</u></b></p> <p>These were considered. The Clerk reported that he had received a minor suggested amendment prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Rob Reiss and seconded by Councillor Denise Fearnley and <b>RESOLVED:</b> That subject to the agreed minor amendment being made, the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 7 March 2024 be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(13 in favour)</i></p>
<p><b><u>2023/161</u></b> <b><u>(FC)</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Item 161: Environmental Planning Committee Minutes</u></b></p> <p>These were considered.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Dr. John Bowden and seconded by Councillor Thomas Sturgess and <b>RESOLVED:</b> That the minutes of the Environmental Planning Committee held on the 7 March 2024 be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(13 in favour)</i></p> <p>Councillor Dr. John Bowden, Chairman of the Environmental Planning Committee, provided</p>

	<p>a verbal report on the main outcomes and topics of discussion from the meeting of the Committee that had taken place immediately before the Full Council meeting. He made special mention to a planning application to vary conditions attached to the approval for the erection of 2 dwelling houses and associated works at land between 94 and 98 Wheel Lane, Grenoside (Ref 24/00775/FUL), which had been the main item of discussion.</p>
<p><b><u>2023/162</u></b> <b><u>(FC)</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Item 162: Finance and Premises Minutes</u></b></p> <p>These were considered.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Kate Guest and seconded by Councillor John Housley and <b>RESOLVED:</b> That:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) The revised principles and procedures for the Large Grant Programme for 2024/2025 (as shown at appendix A) be approved in principle.</li> <li>(b) The principle of the proposed 'Meet the Funder' event and the high-level concept for the revised Large Grants Programme (as shown at appendix B) be approved.</li> <li>(c) The Council's details with the Land Registry in relation to the Council Offices be updated and the Clerk establish the likely costs to undertake this.</li> <li>(d) A grant of £1,795 be awarded to Ecclesfield Gala Committee to help organise and deliver the 2024 Ecclesfield Community Gala.</li> <li>(e) The minutes of the Finance and Premises Committee meeting held on the 21 March 2024 be approved.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(13 in favour)</i></p>
<p><b><u>2023/163</u></b> <b><u>(FC)</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Item 163: Staffing Committee</u></b></p> <p>Councillor Thomas Sturgess, Chairman of the Staffing Committee, provided a verbal report on the most recent meeting of the Staffing Committee, which took place on the 28 March 2024. He made special mention to discussions in relation to progress with the first aid and unconscious bias training; annual appraisals of staff and the arrangements for the Christmas closure of the Council offices.</p>
<p><b><u>2023/164</u></b> <b><u>(FC)</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Item 164: Payments for Approval</u></b></p> <p>The Financial and Administrative Officer provided a verbal and written report on the schedule of payments made between 4 March 2024 and 31 March 2024, noting that all had been made by the Clerk under his delegated powers.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Alan Woodcock and seconded by Councillor Denise Fearnley and <b>RESOLVED:</b> That the schedule of payments between 4 March 2024 and 31 March 2024 be endorsed.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(11 in favour)</i></p> <p>Councillors John Housley and Alan Hooper were not present in the meeting for this item.</p>
<p><b><u>2023/165</u></b> <b><u>(FC)</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Item 165: Update on Projects and Activities</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Community Clean-ups</li> </ul> <p>Councillor Michael Morrissey provided a verbal report on the Community Clean-up Day which took place on the morning of Saturday 23 March 2024 in the car park of Jumeirah Spice Restaurant, Ecclesfield. He said that despite the bad weather it had gone very well. He suggested that a banner be purchased to display alongside the skip and in the run up to the event, which was agreed. It was also agreed that formal thanks should be made to the</p>

	<p>owners of Jumeirah Spice Restaurant for letting the event be held in their car park as well as to all the staff involved.</p> <p>b) Bee Squared</p> <p>It was reported that this was going very well with a strong demand for wildlife seeds. Councillor Andy Bainbridge asked if more could be supplied to Ecclesfield Library, which the Clerk agreed to organise. The Clerk said that some were also to be placed in Grenoside Reading Room. Councillor Andy Bainbridge said a resident involved with Ecclesfield Library had expressed contacted him and had expressed an interest in planting a large area, the Clerk agreed to contact the resident.</p> <p>c) Purchase of two former telephone kiosks</p> <p>The Clerk provided an update. He stated that the Council had been given a further 8 weeks to undertake the due diligence checks before signing the contract to purchase the two former telephone kiosks.</p> <p>d) Active-Regen Programme of activities for 2024/2025</p> <p>The Clerk explained that, due to various reasons, commencement of the programme was slightly behind schedule but was now on track. The Clerk said that he would circulate Councillors with the revised programme and spend, which was welcomed. Councillor Andy Bainbridge stated that the planned activities at Ecclesfield Library were to commence shortly, which was welcomed.</p>
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<p><b><u>2023/166 (FC)</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Item 166: To receive a verbal report from Councillor representatives (by exception) on outside bodies, as appropriate</u></b></p> <p>The Chairman asked that any report be provided by exception i.e., if there was nothing particular that a Councillor wished to provide by way of an update, they did not have to state this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Anne Reresby Trust (Council representatives Councillors Andy Bainbridge, Susan Davidson, and Denise Fearnley).</li> <li>b) Ecclesfield Charities (Council representative Councillor Kate Guest). Councillor Kate Guest stated that the charities had agreed to make an award of £2,000 towards the purchase of Winter Warm packs, which was welcomed. Also, that the Charities were keen to be involved in the Meet the Buyer event (see also item 2023/162 (b)) and to support the Active-Regen Programme of activities for 2024/2025 (see also item 2023/165 (d)).</li> <li>c) Grenoside Advisory Body (Council representatives Councillors Alan Hooper and Adam Hurst). Councillor Alan Hooper stated that its next meeting was on 9 May 2024.</li> <li>d) Sheffield City Council Standards Committee (Council representative Councillor Rob Reiss).</li> <li>e) Yorkshire Local Councils Associations (Council representative Councillor Andy Bainbridge).</li> <li>f) Sheffield City Council's North Sheffield Local Area Committee (Council representative Councillors Victoria Bowden and Adam Hurst). The Chairman of the LAC, Councillor Alan Hooper, provided an update; noting that in recent weeks there had been a particular focus on addressing anti-social behaviour issues.</li> <li>g) Ecclesfield and District Archives project (Council representatives Councillors Dr. John Bowden, Victoria Bowden and Andy Bainbridge). Councillor Victoria Bowden provided an update. She explained that the project was making good progress.</li> </ul>
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	<p>h) Grenoside Exhibition Foundation (all Councillors). Councillor Susan Davidson (it's Chairman) provided an update focusing on a recent meeting that took place between residents of Lump Lane, Grenoside, herself, the Clerk and several other Councillors and next steps were discussed.</p>
<p><b><u>2023/167</u></b> <b><u>(FC)</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Item 167: Correspondence</u></b></p> <p>The various correspondence was noted.</p> <p>Reference was made to the quality of the advert in the latest edition of the TiTO Magazine about the availability of the Community Room for hire. The Clerk said that he would arrange for a copy of it to be circulated to all councillors.</p>
<p><b><u>2023/168</u></b> <b><u>(FC)</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Item 168: Date and Time of Future Meetings</u></b></p> <p>It was confirmed that the next:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finance and Premises Committee Meeting is scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7.15 pm at the Council Offices.</li> <li>• Environmental Planning Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 6.30 pm – at the Council Offices.</li> <li>• The Annual Parish Meeting of the Council is scheduled for Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7.15 pm – at the Council Offices.</li> <li>• The Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council followed by a Full Council meeting of the Council is scheduled for Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7.45 pm at the Council Offices.</li> <li>• Finance and Premises Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024 at 7.15 pm at the Council Offices (NB this has changed from 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024).</li> </ul> <p>It was also noted that a Trustees of Grenoside Exhibition Charity Meeting is scheduled for 18 April 2024 at 6.30 pm at the Council Offices.</p>