

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Amenities Committee held in the Council Chamber, Totton & Eling Civic Centre at 7.15 p.m. on Wednesday 11th September 2013.

PRESENT Chairman - Councillor Mrs. D.M. Brooks
Councillors J.L. Arthur, A.H. Davis, B.D. Lucas, I.R. Molyneux, M.J. Molyneux, D.J. Russell and A. Weeks.

The Town Clerk and Executive Officer.

Also present: Councillors D.A. Britton, L.E. Harris, C. Lagdon and R.F. Scrivens.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors, Mrs J. E. Bushrod, T.M. Bushrod, and Miss S.D. Churchill.

DELEGATED RESOLUTIONS NOT REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE FULL COUNCIL

- 113/13 MINUTES RESOLVED
that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th July 2013 be signed as a true record.
- 114/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
There were no declarations of interest.
- 115/13 MINUTES OF THE ALLOTMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 2ND JULY 2013
RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Allotment Sub-Committee meeting held on 2nd July 2013 be agreed.
- 116/13 NEW TOTTON & ELING TOWN SIGN
The Town Clerk advised the Committee that the sign would be erected once approval for the designated contractor had been received.
RESOLVED that the above update be noted.
- 117/13 REQUEST TO HOLD A TOTTON & ELING ARTS FESTIVAL IN 2014
The Town Clerk highlighted a recent request to hold an Arts Festival in the Town Park adjacent to the War Memorial Car Park, and in parts of Eling in May 2014. There was a brief discussion on the various concerns surrounding this event which included the possible damage to the park grounds, overnight security issues, car parking and detrimental effect on the existing Totton Arts Society.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk obtain more detailed information within one month, and further consideration be given by the Committee at the next Amenities meeting after receiving the Clerk's report.

NON-DELEGATED ITEMS REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE FULL COUNCIL

118/13 BOAT CHARGES

The Town Clerk advised the Committee that he considered the revised boat charges to be reasonable for this class of Marina. It was also noted that the boat sizes should be amended to read over 10 foot and not over 14 foot as stated, and that mud moorings should read – no change, as opposed to no charge.

RECOMMENDED that subject to the above amendments the revised increase in boat charges be approved as attached.

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119/13 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is in the opinion of this Committee advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

NON-DELEGATED ITEMS REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE FULL COUNCIL

120/13 ALLOTMENT SUB-COMMITTEE'S ROLE IN ALLOTMENT MANAGEMENT

The Town Clerk presented the report on the Allotment Sub-Committee's role in the management of plots and plot inspections. The Committee considered the report and it was felt that due to the importance of the Council remaining unbiased in allotment inspections, and the subsequent issuing of penalty points, that the inspections be randomly carried out solely by identifiable Council Officers without prior consultation.

RECOMMENDED that allotment inspections be carried out on a regular adhoc basis by Council Officers and without disclosure or prior consultation with the Allotment Sub-Committee.

121/13 PLAYERS REST CAFÉ AT WEST TOTTON CENTRE

The Town Clerk presented the report on the Players Rest Café. The report was discussed and all three options considered. RECOMMENDED that Option 2 of the report which recommended the rent be reduced to a turnover related level, backdated to 1st January 2013 thus reducing the debt owed, and introducing an agreed payment plan be implemented. In addition, it was also agreed that Option 3 to put the franchise out to tender be executed should default occur on the payment plan and that the reduced rental would only continue until 31st December 2014.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm