

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Amenities Committee held in the Council Chamber, Totton & Eling Civic Centre at 7.15 p.m. on Wednesday 9th November 2016

PRESENT Chairman - Councillor Mrs. D.M. Brooks
Councillors D.A. Britton, T.M. Bushrod, Mrs. S. Churn, A.H. Davis,
Miss S.J. Earl, L.E. Harris, F. Morris & D.J. Russell.

The Deputy Town Clerk and Executive Officer.

Also present: Councillor Ms C. Rackham.

DELEGATED RESOLUTIONS NOT REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE FULL COUNCIL

- 129/16 **MINUTES** RESOLVED
that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th September 2016 be signed as a true record.
- 130/16 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
Councillor Ms C. Rackham declared an interest in item 7 as she is an allotment holder.
- 131/16 **TREE PLANTING AT GOATEE BEACH**
A presentation was handed to Councillors which outlined the proposal for planting trees at Goatee Beach in order to alleviate pollution emanating from Southampton Docks creating a subsequent environmental effect on Totton. It was suggested that the best trees to plant would be English Oaks and that tree donations had already been pledged by the public together with possible funding becoming available to finance the project from external sources. The project was discussed and it was proposed by Councillor Mrs D.M. Brooks and seconded by Councillor A.H. Davis that the Council would accept the proposal, in principle, subject to the land owner's permission. Additionally, more details with regard to funding available and a planting plan be presented at a later Amenities meeting.
RESOLVED that the Council accept the proposal, in principle, to plant trees at Goatee beach, subject to land owner's consent and detailed funding/planting details being supplied at a later Amenities meeting.

132/16 CAB (TOTTON) REQUEST FOR DISABLED ACCESS FUNDING

The request from the CAB (Totton) for a contribution of £2290.00 towards the installation of a disabled access was discussed and it was agreed that the Deputy Town Clerk would inform the CAB that they should apply to Hampshire County Council and the New Forest District Council for funding as it was believed there were grants available for disability projects.

RESOLVED that the CAB be informed to apply to County and District Councils for funding for the installation of a disabled access.

133/16 CALMORE PRE-SCHOOL PLAY GROUP CLOSURE

The closure of the Calmore Pre-school play group was discussed and the subsequent financial implications for the Town Council and Calmore Community Association. The Deputy Town Clerk advised the meeting that the Calmore Community Association and Council were actively looking for replacement users.

RESOLVED that the above update be noted.

134/16 ALLOTMENT INSPECTIONS AND POINTS SYSTEM

The meeting considered the Town Clerk's report on the allotment inspections point system. After discussion it was agreed that to avoid problems being experienced with the current system the recommendation to abolish the present point system and change to a required level of cultivation, with a reasonable rectification period, be accepted and trialled for a period of 1 year.

RESOLVED that the points system be replaced by a required level of cultivation inspections system, with a reasonable rectification period, be trialled for 1 year.

(Councillor Mrs C Rackham declared a pecuniary interest in the above item as she is an allotment holder and therefore left the meeting).

135/16 BANNERS ON TOWN COUNCIL LAND

The meeting considered the Town Clerk's report on the maximum time period the Council would approve for events' banners to be displayed on Council owned or controlled land. After discussion it was agreed that, as a principle, banners could be displayed for a maximum period of 3 weeks prior to the event.

RESOLVED that any events' banners displayed on Town Council land be for a maximum period of 3 weeks prior to the event, except in exceptional circumstances where the Town Clerk could approve longer periods after discussion with the Chair of the Amenities Committee.

NON DELGATED ITEMS REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE FULL COUNCIL

136/16 PROPOSED AMENITIES BUDGETS FOR 2017 - 2018

The 2017-2018 proposed budgets and hire charges were discussed and it was agreed that the 2017-2018 budgets and hire charges be agreed.

RECOMMENDED that the proposed 2017-2018 Amenities revenue budgets and hire charges be agreed and sent to Policy & Resources Committee for approval.

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm