

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Amenities Committee held in the Council Chamber, Totton & Eling Civic Centre at 7.15 p.m. on Wednesday 11th March 2020.

PRESENT Chairman - Councillor A.H. Davis
Councillors A.L. Brunsdon, S.L. Churn, K.V. Crisell , A.J. Hardingson,
D. Hills, F.T. Morris, N.S. Penman, and B.R. Thompson.
Town Clerk and Executive and HR Manager.

Also present: Councillors C.L. Rackham & D.J. Russell.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors J.E. Bushrod and I.A. Murray.

DELEGATED RESOLUTIONS NOT REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE FULL COUNCIL

27/20 MINUTES RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 15th January 2020 be signed as a true record.

28/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

29/20 TRAILBLAZERS 71 PROJECT ELPIS PRESENTATION

A representative from Trailblazers 71 gave a short presentation to the meeting on the proposed project Elpis, which proffered that an all-weather full size football pitch be built on an area of New Forest Park Recreation ground in Calmore with a view to predominantly promoting sports for women and girls of all abilities in the Community. Councillors voiced their support for the project and it was agreed that the Deputy Town Clerk liaise with the Elpis project Manager to obtain a full brief and costings for presentation to the Council at a future meeting.

RESOLVED that the Deputy Town Clerk and the Elpis project Manager obtain a full brief and costings in regard to the project's proposals for presentation to the Town Council at a future Amenities meeting.

30/20 FRIENDS OF BARTLEY PARK FORMATION

A resident made a short presentation with regard to forming a 'Friends of Bartley Park' community group which planned to enhance the open space at Bartley Park by planting trees, shrubs and plants which would promote wildlife and provide wildlife education.

Councillors agreed, in principle, to the formation of the 'Friends of Bartley Park' community group and for the Deputy Town Clerk to liaise with the Group's leader in regard to presenting a management plan of proposed works at a future Amenities meeting.

RESOLVED that the 'Friends of Bartley Park' community group be recognised by the Council and to present a management plan at a future Amenities meeting for the Council to examine.

31/20 WAR MEMORIAL IMPROVEMENTS

The Deputy Town Clerk advised that he had not received back any ideas from Councillors but after research it was believed that the simplest resolution to the problem would be to raise the memorial area, inclusive of sufficient space for dignitaries, so viewing of the ceremony was available to all the public. He added that he was to liaise with the Totton branch of the Royal British Legion to ascertain their preferred idea with a view to returning to a future Amenities meeting with a proposal, costings and plans. This was agreed and some Councillors asked if costs could also be obtained for 'bolt on' features such as themed benches and artistic decoration in order that the area could be utilised all year round.

RESOLVED that the Deputy Town Clerk liaise with the Totton Branch of the Royal British Legion with a view to obtaining ideas, costs and plans for the War Memorial improvements.

NON DELEGATED ITEMS REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE FULL COUNCIL

32/20 STORAGE SPACE PROPOSAL FOR THE REAR OF TOTTON & ELING COMMUNITY CENTRE

A request had been received for a timber built storage facility to be placed behind the Totton & Eling Community Association building. Additionally, a request for funding for the base of the storage unit for up to £2,000 was also received. Councillors approved the placing of the storage unit and monies for the base and it was agreed that the request for funding be placed on the next Policy & Resources agenda for consideration.

RECOMMENDED that permission be granted in regard to the proposed storage unit at the rear of the Totton & Eling Community Association building, and that the approval of the funding for the base for up to £2,000 be considered at the next Policy & Resources meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm