

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Amenities Committee held in the Council Chamber, Totton & Eling Civic Centre at 7.20 p.m. on Wednesday 15th January 2014.

PRESENT Chairman - Councillor Mrs. D.M. Brooks
Councillors Mrs J. E. Bushrod, T.M. Bushrod, A.H. Davis, B.D. Lucas, I.R. Molyneux and A.Weeks.

The Deputy Town Clerk and Executive Officer.

Also present: Councillors C. Lagdon and R.F. Scrivens.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J.L. Arthur, Ms. S.D. Churchill, M.J. Molyneux and D.J. Russell.

DELEGATED RESOLUTIONS NOT REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE FULL COUNCIL

- 8/14 MINUTES RESOLVED
that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th November 2013 be signed as a true record.
- 9/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
There were no declarations of interest.
- 10/14 LOCATION OF THE EXTERNAL SPORTSWALLS AND TABLE TENNIS TABLES
The Deputy Town Clerk requested the Committee's consideration of the two location options for the external sports walls and table tennis tables, being funded from Developers' contributions, as previously agreed. After discussion the locations at Eling were agreed and Option 2 for New Forest Park area, was preferred in order to prevent the disturbance of residents. **RESOLVED** that the Eling locations were agreed and Option 2 for New Forest Park.
- 11/14 AMENITIES REVENUE BUDGETS FOR 2014-2015 UPDATE
The Deputy Town Clerk reported the following updates:
RECREATION GROUNDS
Tenders had been sought with reduced cutting frequencies, and that exact savings would be reported once tenders had been received.
GARAGE YOUTH CENTRE
The Garage Youth Centre would be reducing their opening hours on Saturdays, outside of school holidays, which would result in a saving of £2500.00 per annum.

BOWLS CENTRE

There were still on-going investigations, and a further report would follow.

HANGER FARM PADDLING POOL

The Council were awaiting a response from the Health & Safety Executive in regard to supervision requirements relating to pool depth reduction.

RESOLVED that the above update be noted.

12/14 COUNCIL STAFF AND ADDITIONAL STORM WORKS

The Deputy Town clerk advised that due to the recent storms, and the subsequent flooding and tree falling, the Town Council had spent between £4,000 and £5,000 on tree works. Enquiries were made as to the disposal method of the fallen trees, and if there was a possibility of additional revenue for the Town Council. The Deputy Town Clerk advised that at present most trees were chipped and thus re-used as mulch, but that he would investigate possible alternative lucrative disposal methods.

RESOLVED that the above report be noted.

NON-DELEGATED ITEMS REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE FULL COUNCIL

13/14 WEST TOTTON COMMUNITY ROOM UPDATE

The Deputy Town Clerk advised the Committee that Hampshire County Council would not be making a decision with regard to the Hazel Wood Infant School room until early 2015, but that it was likely they would regain possession. As the room was well used it was agreed that a design and financial appraisal would be sought for the West Totton Centre extension which would include additional income generated for the Town Council. (Councillor Lagdon declared a non pecuniary interest as he is a County Councillor and did not vote or take part in the discussion)

RECOMMENDED that a design/financial appraisal be sought for the West Totton Centre extension.

14/14 ELING EXPERIENCE HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND GRANT UPDATE

The Deputy Town Clerk advised that the project had received approval to proceed with the final stage round 2 bid in February for a decision in June. He added that the value of the project was now up to £1.767 million, with an estimated £25,000.00 annual revenue saving for the Town Council.

However, subsequently this had increased the Town Council's contribution to £65,000, upon final stage approval. Additional contributions of £165,000 were expected from the New Forest District Council and approximately £40,000 from grant aid bodies. It was therefore RECOMMENDED that approval be sought from Policy and Resources Committee for a £65,000 contribution from reserves towards the Eling Experience Project upon final stage approval.

15/14 TOWN COUNCIL FACILITY CHARGES FOR 2014-2015

The Deputy Town Clerk presented the proposed hire charges for Town Council facilities for 2014-2015, which were agreed. It was highlighted that in the 'boat charges' section - 'Beach over 10ft for residents' charges should read £10.00 per foot. Additionally, it was requested that the Deputy Town Clerk investigate possible mooring charges for permanent mud moorings. RECOMMENDED that subject to the boat charges' amendment as above that approval be sought from Policy & Resources Committee for the proposed hire charges for 2014-2015.

The meeting closed at 7.35 pm