

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Amenities Committee held in the Council Chamber, Totton & Eling Civic Centre at 7.15 p.m. on Wednesday 13th November 2013.

PRESENT Chairman - Councillor Mrs. D.M. Brooks
Councillors J.L. Arthur, Mrs J. E. Bushrod, T.M. Bushrod, Miss S.D. Churchill, A.H. Davis, B.D. Lucas, M.J. Molyneux, D.J. Russell and A. Weeks.

The Deputy Town Clerk and Executive Officer.

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

APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor I.R. Molyneux.

DELEGATED RESOLUTIONS NOT REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE FULL COUNCIL

- 146/13 MINUTES RESOLVED
that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 11th September 2013 be signed as a true record.
- 147/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
There were no declarations of interest.
- 148/13 MINUTES OF THE ALLOTMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 8TH OCTOBER 2013
RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Allotment Sub-Committee meeting held on 8th October 2013 be agreed.
- 149/13 MINUTES OF THE TOWN CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS WORKING PARTY HELD ON 23RD OCTOBER 2013
Councillor M.J. Molyneux advised that he had tendered his apologies for this meeting and did not attend.
Subject to the above amendment it was
RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Town Centre Improvements Working Party meeting held on 23rd October 2013 be agreed.
- 150/13 TOTTON & ELING ARTS FESTIVAL 2014
The Deputy Clerk advised that due to the change of venue to the War Memorial car park, under delegated powers the Town Clerk had approved, in principle, the proposed Arts Festival to be held on 24th and 25th May 2014 subject to the normal provisions for such an event and licence agreement.
RESOLVED that the above update be noted.

NON-DELEGATED ITEMS REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE FULL COUNCIL

151/13 AMENITIES REVENUE BUDGETS FOR 2014 - 2015

The Deputy Town Clerk presented the proposed revenue budgets for the financial year 2014-2015. Invitations were requested from Members of the Committee for suggestions to reduce costs in any areas for 2014 – 2015. The following suggestions were put forward for consideration:

RECREATIONS GROUNDS

- To reduce the frequency of grass cutting in recreation grounds
- That leases be reviewed for areas of open space when these were due for renewal

GARAGE YOUTH CENTRE

- To narrow the gap between income and expenditure by £2500 through reduced opening hours and/or obtaining more grants
- Promote the Garage mini bus to other potential community users for hire

(Councillor C. Lagdon declared a non pecuniary interest as he is related to the Youth Centre Leader and therefore left the meeting)

BOWLS CENTRE

- Possible assistance from the Bowls Club with grounds maintenance
- Promotion of the Bowls Centre to increase membership and income
- Review of running costs in general

HANGER FARM POOL

- To reduce the depth of the pool to that which, legally, does not require a life guard.
- To reduce opening period in 2015 to allow for the imminent refurbishment/repair costs

RECOMMENDED (a) that the above suggestions be further investigated by the Deputy Clerk and updated for discussion at the next Amenities meeting.
(b) that the proposed revenue budgets for financial year 2014/2015 be agreed and sent to Policy & Resources Committee for approval.

152/13 TOWN COUNCIL FACILITIES CHARGES FOR 2014-2015

The Deputy Clerk advised that the proposed hire charges for Town Council facilities for 2014-2015 would be brought to the next meeting, following further research on charges made for similar facilities in the area.

RECOMMENDED that the above be noted.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm