

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Amenities Committee held at the Totton & Eling Town Council, Totton at 7.20 pm on Wednesday 13th July 2022.

PRESENT Chairman - Councillor A.H. Davis
Councillors, A.L. Brunsdon, K.V. Crisell, A.J. Hardingson,
M. Kangarani, I. Murray, and N.S. Penman.

Also present Councillors: J.H. Sleep, B.R Thompson.

Town Clerk, Operations Director, Deputy Town Clerk and Eling Tide Mill Experience Manager.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors S.L. Churn, D. Hills, and C.L. Rackham

DELEGATED RESOLUTIONS NOT REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE FULL COUNCIL

- 93/22 **MINUTES RESOLVED**
that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 11th May 2022 be signed as a true record.
- 94/22 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
There were no declarations of interest.
- 95/22 **AMENDMENT FOR LICENCE TO NEWFORESTSKATEHUB**
A request to amend the previously issued licence to Newforestskehuhub to include permission to sell soft drinks and packaged snacks to Bartley Park skateboarding students was considered. Issues relating to litter and security were raised. Approval was agreed for the selling of packaged snacks and soft drinks for his pupils, with the above issues being addressed within the licence.
RESOLVED that permission and license be granted to Newforestskehuhub to sell soft drinks and packaged snacks to skateboard students at Bartley Park Skate Park.
- 96/22 **DESIGN AND PROVISION OF STANDARD AND BESPOKE BENCHES WITHIN THE TOWN**
A discussion was held with regard to the design for standard and bespoke benches within the Town. Time, cost and consultation issues were raised together with the scheduling of areas for the benches.

It was proposed by Councillor A.H. Davis, seconded by Councillor A.L. Brunsdon and unanimously agreed that standard benches be replaced with metal benches, adorned with the Town emblem (removable if possible) to the rear, and be of similar design to those recently placed to commemorate the NHS and Aaron Phipps MBE. Additionally, that individually placed bespoke benches be of the same design with any bespoke embellishment to be approved by the Amenities Committee. Additionally, it was agreed the schedule order for provision of new benches be the war memorial area, followed by the Town Centre and the Town Park,

RESOLVED a) that standard benches be metal, with the Town emblem (removable if possible), and that individually placed bespoke benches be of similar basic design as standard benches with the Amenities Committee to approve any bespoke embellishment.

b) that the schedule for provision of new benches be firstly, the war memorial area, followed by the Town Centre and the Town Park

97/22 NEW FOREST PARK RECREATION GROUND AT CALMORE FOR THE USE OF PLAYING FOOTBALL.

The Operations Director advised that a request had been received from AFC Totton to use the New Forest Park Recreation Ground for the playing of football by their youth/junior football teams. He further advised that there was adequate parking and changing/refreshment facilities available for use at Calmore Community Centre and that the activity should not encroach on any other of the ground's activities or result in any additional cost to the Council.

It was proposed by Councillor A.H. Davis and seconded by Councillor I.A. Murray and unanimously agreed that approval be given for the playing of football at the New Forest Park Recreation ground by AFC junior football teams and be available for hire by others. It was noted that the use of a concealed container for equipment storage was under discussion.

RESOLVED that approval be given to AFC Junior football teams to use the New Forest Park Recreation ground for playing football and be available for hire by others.

NON DELEGATED ITEMS REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE FULL COUNCIL

98/22 ELING TOLL BRIDGE FEE

The Town Clerk advised the meeting that he had received a suggestion that the toll fee, presently charged at £1.00 all day with unlimited both way crossings, now be charged at £1.00 per each single crossing. Councillors were asked for their views and the following was highlighted :

- No fee increase had occurred for over 20 years
- The Eling Experience as a whole was presently being reviewed
- A fee increase would discourage traffic on the bridge
- The District Council were awaiting a structural report on the bridge
- An Eling Experience board meeting was scheduled for 11th August 2022

After discussion it was proposed by Councillor A.H. Davis, seconded by Councillor K.V. Crisell and unanimously agreed that no decision be made on any increase to toll bridge fees until after the August Board meeting was held, the structural report on the bridge had been received and the matter brought back to the September Amenities Committee meeting.

RECOMMENDED that

- (a) no increase in toll bridge fees be considered until the Eling Experience Board meeting had been held, and the Town Council were in receipt of the structural report on the bridge.
- (b) This item be added to the September 2022 Amenities meeting agenda.

99/22 OUTFIELD UPGRADING AT KING GEORGE V CRICKET GROUND

The Operations Director explained to the meeting that a request had been received from Calmore Sports Cricket Club to upgrade the outfield at the King George V recreation ground. It had deteriorated, mainly due to water retention, and was now not fit for purpose. However, due to the extended period of warm weather recently experienced the ground conditions had now significantly improved and play should be able to continue. He recommended that any plans to upgrade the outfield be delayed until after the present season when further evaluation could be made, and the Amenities Committee could make a decision based on an up to date appraisal. It was proposed by Councillor A.H. Davis, seconded by Councillor I.A. Murray and unanimously agreed to postpone any upgrade until after the present season.

RECOMMENDED that any upgrade to the cricket outfield at King George V recreational ground be postponed until after the present season and further assessment.

100/22 EXPENDITURE AND BUDGETS FOR TIDE MILL EXPERIENCE

The Town Clerk explained that he wished to inform and highlight to the Committee the present situation with regard to the financial situation at the Eling Tide Mill Experience. The matter was discussed and it was felt that further information on the included parties' contribution commitments was fundamental in any formulation of a new Management/Business plan, as too were estimated timelines on the plan/s being completed. The Town Clerk would provide further information after the next Board meeting in August 2022.

Additionally, it was agreed that the appointment of a Eling Experience Task & Finish group be placed on the Full Council agenda for 27th July 2022, and the item come back to the Amenities Committee in September for further discussion.

RECOMMENDED that

- (a) The Town Clerk report back to the Committee with information in regard to relevant parties' financial commitments and a management plan/business formulation.
- (b) A Eling Tide Mill Experience Task & Finish Group be appointed at the next Full Council meeting on 27th July 2022.

101/22 PROPOSED MEZZANINE FLOOR AT WEST TOTTON CENTRE

The Operations Director advised the meeting of a wasted space at the West Totton Centre at high level at one end of the main hall, which could be utilised for the playing of table tennis and small activity classes etc. He further advised that funding could be taken from developer's contribution monies. The matter was discussed, proposed by Councillor A.H. Davis, seconded by Councillor K.V. Crisell and unanimously agreed that the Operations Director obtain drawings and costings for further discussion at a future Amenities Committee meeting.

RECOMMENDED that the Operations Director obtain drawings and costings with regard to the proposed installation of a mezzanine floor in part of the main hall at West Totton Centre for discussion at a future Amenities meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm