

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Amenities Committee held in the Council Chamber, Totton & Eling Civic Centre at 7.15 p.m. on Wednesday 10th July 2019.

PRESENT Chairman - Councillor A.H. Davis
Councillors A. L. Brunsdon, S.L. Churn, A.J. Hardingson, D. Hills,
F.T. Morris, N.S. Penman, and B.R. Thompson.

Deputy Town Clerk and Executive and HR Manager.

Also present: Councillor C.L. Rackham

APOLOGIES

An apology was received from Councillor J.E. Bushrod.

DELEGATED RESOLUTIONS NOT REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE FULL COUNCIL

75 /19 MINUTES RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 15th May 2019 be signed as a true record.

76 /19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

77/19 TOWN CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS

Councillor C.L. Rackham gave details of the proposed Town Centre Improvements, as briefly set out in the Deputy Town Clerk's report, as follows:

a) Benches

A proposal was put forward for the Town Council to approve, as and when benches in the Town required replacement, a bespoke bench design to reflect the individuality of Totton, possibly heritage related. It was agreed that a working party consisting of Councillor C.L. Rackham, Councillor D. Hills and the Open Spaces Officer be instigated to obtain possible designs and costings for presentation and approval at a future Amenities meeting; all Councillors were invited to send ideas to the working party for consideration.

b) Sundial

Proposals were received for the introduction of a 'human' sundial which could also be used for outdoor performances etc. Details of possible designs were passed around the meeting and it was highlighted that various funding opportunities, including CIL monies could be applied for in an effort to assist with the cost of the sundial. The Deputy Town Clerk agreed to enquire if this project qualified for CIL monies and a working party be established for the project consisting of Councillor C. L. Rackham, A.J. Hardingson and the Open Spaces Officer to ascertain costings and design ideas. Additionally, Members were requested to provide the working party with design and suggested material ideas.

c) Bollards

A proposal for the decorating of individual bollards in the Town was received. Possible designs were passed around the meeting and a suggestion to initially decorate them with poppies, in time for Remembrance Day, was agreed. A discussion was held on future designs, and it was agreed that Totton College and Hanger Farm Arts Centre be approached with a view to providing ideas and possible artists, for approval. Also agreed was for a working party be set up consisting of Councillor N.S. Penman, Councillor S.L. Churn and the Open Spaces Officer.

RESOLVED that the above proposals be noted, and upon completion of investigations, including legal issues, updates be given at future Amenities meetings.

78 /19 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS RESOLVED

That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is in the opinion of this Committee advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

NON DELGATED ITEMS REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE FULL COUNCIL

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79/19 TENNIS CENTRE FACILITY – HANGER FARM

Discussions were held with regard to the Tennis Centre at Hanger Farm as per the Deputy Town Clerk's report that had been previously distributed.

Members discussed the present and proposed options in relation to the Centre's viability and it was agreed that the Council continue with the present operator, approval be sought from Policy & Resources Committee to install an automated pavilion entry system, and that the Policy & Resources Committee approve a revised income agreement: the above would be trialled for a period of two years.

RECOMMENDED that (a) the Council continue with the present operator for a trial period of two years (b) Policy and Resources Committee approve an automated pavilion entry system and (c) Policy & Resources approve a revised income agreement.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm