

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Amenities Committee held in the Council Chamber, Totton & Eling Civic Centre at 7.20 p.m. on Wednesday 14th November 2012.

PRESENT Chairman - Councillor Mrs. D.M. Brooks
Councillors J.L. Arthur, Mrs. J.M. Bushrod, T.M. Bushrod,
Miss S.D. Churchill, B.D. Lucas, I.R. Molyneux, N.S. Penman,
D.J. Russell and A. Weeks.

The Deputy Town Clerk and Administrative Officer.

Also present : Councillors D.A. Britton, Mrs. S. Brown, A.H. Davis,
L.E. Harris and C. Lagdon.

APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor M.J. Molyneux.

DELEGATED RESOLUTIONS NOT REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE FULL COUNCIL

177/12 MINUTES RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th September 2012 be signed as a true record.

178/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

179/12 MINUTES OF THE TOWN CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS WORKING PARTY HELD ON 10 OCTOBER 2012

The Committee considered the Minutes of the Town Centre Improvements Working Party held on 10th October 2012. There was brief discussion on the type of planting and approval was given for the style and location of the new welcome sign at the Southampton entrance to Totton which would now be submitted to New Forest District Council for approval. It was noted that additional signage would be considered at suitable positions over future periods. It was agreed to request Policy and Resources Committee approval for £3000 from reserves, £500 from 2013/14 revenue and further funding could be considered in the future.

Councillor A.H. Davis wished it to be recorded that he was disappointed that full funding could not be allocated in 2013/2014. It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. D.M. Brooks, seconded by Councillor D.J. Russell that the sums of £3000 be allocated from reserves, with £500 annual maintenance per annum be allocated as revenue cost effective the project, for year 2013 / 2014. Upon being put to a vote, six Members voted in favour and one against. Therefore the vote was carried.

RESOLVED

(a) that the Minutes of the Town Centre Improvements Working Party of 10th October 2012 be agreed,

(b) that subject to Policy and Resources Committee approval, the sums of £3000 be allocated from reserves, with £500 annual maintenance per annum be allocated as revenue cost effective the project, within the year 2013 / 2014 budgets.

Councillor C. Lagdon left the Meeting.

NON DELEGATED RESOLUTIONS REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE FULL COUNCIL

180/ INSTALLATION OF A SPORTSWALL

The Deputy Town Clerk enquired of Members whether they had any thoughts regarding the suitable locations within the Town that would benefit from a sportswall. The Chairman of Amenities Committee also suggested the possibility of concrete table-tennis tables. Members made some suggestions – Eling near the Garage Youth Centre; within existing play areas; and Goatee Beach.

RECOMMENDED that Members give further consideration to suitable locations for a sportswall and concrete table-tennis tables, and liaise directly with the Deputy Town Clerk.

181/12 REQUEST FOR A TARMAC PATH

The Deputy Town Clerk presented a map, highlighting an area within Testwood Recreation Ground / Cheam Way that was subject to a request for tarmac paths wide enough to accommodate children's double buggies. The estimated cost for the work was likely to be £30,000. It was noted that a County Councillor had expressed his oppositions to loss of grassed area, if the project were to go ahead.

Members discussed the locality, implications alternative routes to school and costs involved.

RECOMMENDED that no further action be taken in respect of the request.

182/12 REVENUE BUDGETS AND HIRE CHARGES FOR 2013 / 2014

The Deputy Town Clerk presented the proposed revenue budgets and hire charges for financial year 2013 / 2014.

RECOMMENDED that the proposed revenue budgets and hire charges for financial year 2013 / 2014 be approved, and sent to Policy and Resources Committee for approval.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.