

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Amenities Committee held in the Council Chamber at Totton & Eling Civic Centre, Totton at 7.15 pm on Wednesday 15th January 2025

PRESENT Chairman Councillor A. L. Brunsdon.
Councillors, L. P. Francis, L. E. Harris, S. A. Hardingson, D. Hills,
C. L. Rackham, L. S. Shelley and B. R. Thompson.

Also present: Councillors K. V. Crisell and P. A. Mballa

The Town Clerk, Head of Community Services and Senior P.A.

APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor J. H. Sleep.

DELEGATED ITEMS NOT REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE FULL COUNCIL

4/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5/25 MINUTES RESOLVED that the minutes of the Amenities meeting held on the 13th November 2024 be signed as a true record.

6/25 TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE IT, COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING GROUP MEETING HELD ON THE 6TH DECEMBER 2024 RESOLVED that the minutes of the IT, Communications & Marketing Group meeting held on the 6th December 2024 be declared as a true record.

7/25 TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE ELING EXPERIENCE TASK AND FINISH GROUP MEETING HELD ON THE 11TH DECEMBER 2024 A concern was raised in regard to traffic management due to recent roadworks on the A326. The Town Clerk and Chair of the Council had sent letters expressing concerns to both Southern Water and Hampshire County Council. It was requested that when a response was received it be forwarded to all Councillors. RESOLVED that the minutes of the Eling Experience Task and Finish Group meeting held on the 11th December 2024 be declared as a true record.

NON DELEGATED ITEMS REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE FULL COUNCIL

8/25 ADDITIONAL CCTV CAMERAS IN THE TOWN

The Town Clerk updated Members that New Forest District Council had completed their feasibility study and had agreed to install two new CCTV cameras in the following locations (a) Nutshalling Close, Calmore and (b) Salisbury Road, Totton. Installation would commence in the new financial year.

RECOMMENDED that this update be noted.

9/25 VE CELEBRATIONS IN THE TOWN FOR MAY 2025 AND VJ CELEBRATIONS IN THE TOWN FOR AUGUST 2025

The Town Clerk reiterated her report and updated Members that initial meetings with the Royal British Legion had taken place where they indicated that they would like to mark both events but unfortunately had no funding available. The Town Clerk suggested appointing a VE & VJ Celebratory Events Working Party consisting of 5 Members. It was agreed that the following Councillors be appointed: Councillors L. E. Harris, C. L. Rackham and B. R. Thompson. It was agreed that two remaining Councillors from both parties would be contacted for appointment. Discussion commenced in regard to funding for the two events and the sum of £5000 for both events was proposed by Councillor C. L. Rackham, seconded by Councillor A. L. Brunsdon and unanimously agreed.

RECOMMENDED that: -

- a) The Council appoint 5 Council Members for the formulation of a VE & VJ Celebratory Events Working Party. The following Councillors were appointed: - Councillors L. E. Harris, C. L. Rackham and B. R. Thompson with two further appointments to be advised to the Town Clerk.
- b) The sum of £5000 be approved for funding both events.
- c) Suggestions for celebratory events, together with any funding budget from the Working Party be brought back to Committee for approval.

10/25 PROPOSED LOCKABLE BIKE SHEDS IN THE TOWN

The Head of Community Services reiterated his report regarding the proposal to purchase and install two bicycle storage units, which would each hold between 4 and 6 bicycles, in the Town Centre. The selected units used 'app technology' which would provide users easy access for booking spaces and unlocking the unit directly from a smartphone without a physical key. A CIL funding application had been submitted to NFDC. Discussion took place and the following comments/concerns were raised: -

- Annual licence fee charge
- Was the unit aesthetically pleasing
- Concern in regard to the contract period
- Liability for cycles

It was proposed by Councillor A. L. Brunsdon, seconded by Councillor B. R. Thompson and unanimously agreed that the decision in relation to granting of CIL monies for funding would be awaited. Once advised, this item would be brought back to a future Amenities meeting with further designs and systems proposals.

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(Councillor P. A. Mballa joined the meeting).

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

11/25 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED that in accordance with section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press leave the meeting because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

12/25 HANGER FARM POOL

The Committee considered the report from the Town Clerk. It was proposed by Councillor S. A. Hardingson, seconded by Councillor C. L. Rackham and after a vote with 7 in favour and 1 abstention it was agreed to move forward with the rectification of the pool in time for summer 2025. The Council discussed a contractual matter, and in, resolved to proceed in accordance with advice received. RECOMMENDED that rectification of the Hanger Farm pool progress in time for summer 2025 opening.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.