



STONEHOUSE **TOWN COUNCIL**

MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting)
of a meeting of THE AMENITIES, RECREATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY
9th January 2017 AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, STONEHOUSE.

Present:

Neil Gibbs (Convenor)
Gary Powell (Deputy Convenor)
Theresa Watt (Chair/Town Mayor)
Pam Swain (Vice Chair/Town Mayor)
Deborah Curtis
Trevor Baker

Also Present:

Town Clerk/RFO Gill Jennings, Will Pedrick Stonehouse Town Football Club

Attendees are reminded that the Proceedings of this meeting may be filmed, photographed or recorded but anyone wishing to make a record should first inform the Chairman

K3/455 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

There were no apologies

K3/456 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are reminded of their obligation within the requirements of the adopted Model Code of Conduct to declare any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests where applicable.
There were no declarations of interest

K3/457 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 7 NOVEMBER 2016

The Minutes were approved as a true record.

K3/458 PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT

A maximum time limit of 15 minutes allocated for residents to raise comments on any item on this agenda (3 minutes per person)
Will Pedrick explained that he was present to hear discussion on 459.4

K3/459 OLDENDS LANE REDEVELOPMENT

1. Progress report on defibrillator - Will Pedrick reported that the football club have won a defibrillator in a competition against Longlevens. He would advise what make this is. Parkrun also raising funds and a member has offered to carry out the electrical installation foc. ART Committee to consider whether this should be installed inside the pavilion and whether suitable for Community Heartbeat to manage.

K3/459 (continued)

2. To receive a report from the Recreation Working Group, Clerk, Architect - A report of a meeting held on 4th January with members of the football club and Magpies was discussed. RWG to meet with the architect to refine the layout following a meeting with potential brewery sponsor.

The Clerk reported that the club have not been able to produce their accounts due to a burglary and she would therefore raise some questions to enable extraction of financial information. There was no feedback from the Architect from the pre-planning meeting.

3. To discuss funding and management - The application to Veolia has been withdrawn due to the application criteria being exceeded. There would be no S106 funding. Clubs have been encouraged to do some fundraising activities of their own towards fixtures and fittings. The Clerk will look for funding opportunities but otherwise the application rested on housing development being allowed. Management was still work in progress but Cllr Gibbs had investigated licensing options and recommended a general on-licence to be taken on by a new body or steering group. Clerk will look at King Stanley model.

4. To consider advice from Architect/Clerk and decide upon request for stadium lighting/extended lease. - The architect had been consulted on the lighting scheme, the Clerk had offered advice to the committee about the timing of each planning application.

The Committee debated this matter. The football club needed planning permission in place by 31st March. **Cllr Watt proposed, Cllr Swain seconded that the Council would not object to the football club seeking planning permission at this time.** With regard to extending the lease to a 25 or 99 year term the Clerk requested permission to investigate council's position with legal advice. **The Committee agreed to this request.**

5. To agree bridge specification for footpath diversion - The Committee agreed to the specification given to James Audley by email 13th December.
6. To agree cost of replacing fire damaged pavements £699 - **The Committee considered whether replacement should go ahead and agreed that the clerk should await the outcome of the insurance claim. If not successful should seek 3 further quotes and proceed on the basis of the lowest priced.**

K3/460 GRANT EXPENDITURE

1. Progress on AONB project - Doverow - The Clerk had been asked to investigate lighter weight benches and the only ones available were dubious specimens from Ebay. **The Committee agreed to the purchase of 4 Malvern seats as in K3/434 £2368. The Committee agreed to the clearance of viewpoints by volunteers at £300. It was noted that it might be necessary to get volunteer help to install the seats but this would be achieved within the grant monies of £3000.**

K3/461 FINANCE

1. To check and agree Committee expenditure/receipts against budget November **Expenditure £15882.32 and Receipts £320 were agreed as correct.**
2. To consider items for expenditure from reserves in 2017-18 and to review the draft budget for 2017-18 and agree budget total

Councillors considered whether there were any other items which required to be reserved. There were none other than those listed.

The Committee considered the budget. **Cllr Powell proposed, Cllr Swain seconded to take out £400 from the Allotments, £800 from Stagholt and to increase the Christmas lights budget by £1200. The overall budget being put forward as £124100 expenditure/£15550 income. Majority in favour, Cllr Baker against.**

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3. To review earmarked reserves and agree any additional allocation
The Committee agreed to add mowers and equipment to the earmarked reserves, and to increase land acquisition, carpark surfacing & architects fees. The overall requirement for the ART Committee amounting to £364000 was proposed by Councillor Curtis/seconded by Cllr Swain. Majority in favour, Cllr Baker abstained.
4. To discuss quotation for tree works Stagholt - A resident had complained about an overhanging tree at Stagholt. Offending branches have been removed by Council groundsman but to keep the willow trees in good condition pollarding is recommended. The Committee were in favour of proceeding with the works at £400.

K3/462 STONEHOUSE IN BLOOM

To receive a report on finance and external funding

Cllr Curtis gave a verbal report that there were fewer sponsors in 2016 but the group still achieved £1180 in sponsorship. A grant of £494 from the Coop Community fund and a further £310.60 raised through coffee mornings, plant sale, car boot and donation from the Flower Pot trail. GWR sponsored an additional planter outside the Town Hall. Costs were incurred £1435.

K3/463 RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS

1. To consider the Recreation Working Group proposal for equipment and to discuss the minutes of the 4th and 6th November.

The Group had discussed residents proposal for a bandstand and were awaiting details.

In the meantime the Group were keen to explore possibility of a music festival.

On the 6th November the Group had met to explore new play equipment for Laburnum.

Schemes had been submitted by 3 companies recommended by another Council.

The Committee considered the schemes and agreed that the Working Group should consult with school children and obtain their views. The Working Group would then be required to come back to Committee with 3 costed proposals.

The Working Group also recommended that the Committee seeks external funding for a tennis court at Oldends Lane to make this the sports hub of the town. The Committee agreed that the clerk was to obtain costs and apply for funding. The exact location of the court would need to be planned by the Working Group.

2. Progress on floor mounted bin for Queens Rd. The bin had been purchased in house at less cost than quoted by Stroud District Council.

3. Progress on re-position of recycling bin recently placed at Laburnum Walk by SDC
Cllr Powell was asked to progress this item.

K3/464 LABURNUM PLAYING FIELD

Discuss route proposed by Western Power and consider impact on any events on the field

Whilst accepting that the route through the playing field was the lesser of two evils the Committee were hopeful that Western Power would come back with a further alternative route.

K3/465 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

13 February 2017
