



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
27th March 2017 AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, STONEHOUSE.

Present:

Neil Gibbs (Convenor)
Gary Powell (Deputy Convenor) Chaired the meeting.
Theresa Watt (Chair/Town Mayor)
Deborah Curtis
Trevor Baker

Also Present:

Gill Jennings Town Clerk

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

K3/477 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Pam Swain (Holiday)

K3/478 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

K3/479 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13th FEBRUARY 2017

The Minutes were approved by unanimous vote with the deletion of the words “and in essence it would be better if the current club was dissolved”

K3/480 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)
There was no call for public adjournment

K3/481 OLDENDS LANE REDEVELOPMENT

1. Progress report on defibrillator and consider request for Park Run sign mounted on former Youth Club sign posts
The Committee agreed that the equipment could be located on the side of the pavilion next to the access lane in view of the cctv. The Committee agreed that Park Run could erect a sign on the existing posts.

2. Following a Noise and Vibration Survey and advice from GRCC re: management:
to receive revised plans and pre-planning consultation feedback, to discuss advice from GRCC and solicitor and agree management of the community building

The Committee were provided with fresh drawings of the community space which allowed for separate use of the building under 2 bar licences where necessary and a revised layout of the housing taking account of the Noise and Vibration Survey. The Recreation Working Group had held a consultation event earlier in the evening inviting all neighbouring households to view and comment on the plans. One resident had attended. He had raised concerns about the number of HGVs over 7.5tonnes using Oldends Lane and general traffic volumes. He agreed that the plans were nice and that development might prevent youths driving around the carpark at night.

The Committee considered the advice from the Council's solicitor regarding a Community Interest Company. The Recreation Working Group are to investigate further.

The Committee agreed that the Clerk should write to Magpies to gain better co-operation.

3. Draft Business Plan

The Committee approved the draft business plan by a vote of For: 4 Abstained: 1

K3/482 FINANCE

1. To check and agree Committee expenditure/receipts against budget February
February expenditure £10722.87 income £6188.51

Proposed Cllr Baker/seconded Cllr Curtis, agreed and checked against budget. All in favour.

2. To agree any payments due - The payment schedule was not available

3. To note enquiries sent to Insurers - The enquiries were noted

4. To agree maintenance contract costs CCTV Pavilion £355

Proposed Cllr Watt/seconded Cllr Curtis that the maintenance contract be approved. All in favour

K3/483 S106 PROJECTS

Review current list of projects - The Committee reviewed the S106 wishlist and agreed to delete outdoor gym (Oldends) sensory garden (Garden of rest) outdoor sports pitch (Stagholt)

K3/484 COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BID

Consider application content and further action - The Committee agreed that further evidence would be useful in the form of resident letters confirming use of footpaths/stiles identified on the plan. A meeting with Rights of Way to explore opportunities would also assist.

K3/485 TOWN GREENS - ACTION OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Progress report required - Cllr Powell confirmed that the posts were in stock and waiting for groundsmen to install them.

K3/486 IN BLOOM

To receive a progress report and to discuss conflicts of priorities for groundstaff.

Cllr Powell explained that it might be better to have post mounted tubs rather than baskets.

The quotation available was for a 3 year contract and the Clerk felt that this should be checked against a 1 year contract for the new planters. It was agreed that this action should be taken and that orders could be placed within budget having established the best price.

K3/487 ARMCO BARRIER - LABURNUM

Discuss improvements - It had been suggested that the crash barrier fencing be removed and new poles or posts fixed to the uprights (painted white). **The Committee agreed that this work should be undertaken by staff in the Winter.**

K3/488 STONEHOUSE ALLOTMENTS

Discuss governance documents of the Association (Membership clause 8) and consider requests in email dated 21st Feb. - **The Committee considered the documents and agreed that the wording was ambiguous and seemed to suggest that subscription to the Association was expected. Association to be asked to correct this. The Committee considered the request for use of the carpark for carboot sales and agreed that it would not meet with insurers requirements. It was also agreed following advice received from the council's insurers that the Tenants Association would be responsible for public liability and sheds insurance from the date of handover.**

K3/489 ATHLETICS FIELD

Discuss County Council's response and County Councillor's lack of response
The Committee noted the correspondence and this matter would be put to the County Council at the meeting on 30th March.

K3/490 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

8th May 2017

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

The Council will by resolution exclude the public from item K3/491 due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and publicity of the item would be prejudicial to the public interest.

K3/491 LEGAL MATTERS

Progress on the following matters will be reported, if any:

1. Changes to Lease arrangements - EE Phone Mast & Stonehouse Football Club

The Committee were updated on Arqiva's request to take on the current lease with EE. Some amendments were necessary to the Deed of Surrender & Lease and the Committee approved the Clerk's actions.

The Recreation Working Group were reminded that it was necessary to consider what area of land would be let to the Football Club in the future and they agreed to meet on site to determine this.

2. Stagholt (part of) sale

The Clerk reported that matters were progressing satisfactorily.
