

RECREATION COMMITTEE

4 March 2014

Present: Councillors Swift (Chairman), Campbell, Jones, McIntyre, Nicholson, Pickin, Upson & Westmorland.

Apologies: Councillors Draper, S. Gilliver-Cooper & S.L. Gilliver-Cooper.

No members of the public were present.

Councillor Swift asked if all members present would join her in a minutes silence as a mark of respect to Councillor Eric Tunstall (Mayor of South Kirkby) who had died suddenly. A Minutes silence was held.

331 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors should disclose pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest/s in any item/s on this agenda.

The Chairman read out the following statement. Members are referred to, and shall observe, the provisions of the Hemsworth Town Council's Code of Conduct. If a Councillor has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest he/she must, unless a dispensation has been granted, withdraw from the meeting room and take no part in the discussion or vote. If any interest (Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary) has not been entered in the Town Council's register then you must disclose it at the meeting and inform the Monitoring Officer within 28 days of the date of initial disclosure. Failure to abide by the provisions of the Code in regard to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests now amounts to a criminal offence.

No disclosures were made.

332 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th January 2014, as detailed in Minute Book No. 5 (2013/2014) pages 205 - 213 and as adopted by the Town Council on 11th February 2014, be received and approved.

333 FOOTBALL FACILITY – INCOME REPORTS

Members discussed the information which was circulated with the agenda relating to the income received from the Football Facility for January 2014 as compared to the previous year- page 272 of these minutes.

It was agreed that the report be noted.

334 HEMSWORTH MARKET – INCOME REPORT

Members discussed the information which was circulated with the agenda relating to the income received from the Market for January 2014 as compared to the previous year – page 273 of these minutes. Councillor Upson highlighted that this service was not progressing as hoped. The Clerk responded highlighting that the Service Provision Manager had put forward reports on what improvements he was to implement but when she had checked the details, nothing had been implemented. The Clerk put forward a suggestion that she had raised previously which was visiting the market officer from another authority who had experienced similar problems and see what steps they had put in place for improvements. Councillor Upson also suggested looking at moving the market to the precinct area.

It was agreed that the report be noted and the Clerk arranges to visit the Markets Officer and reports back to committee with her findings.

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335 BRASS BAND CONCERT

RESOLVED: That the Office Managers report which was circulated with the agenda be noted and the recommendation for this year's concert confirmed with the additional change to the poster (Hemsworth Town Council logo).

336 CHANGING ROOMS CEMETERY ROAD

The Town Clerk informed members of some sealing work required on the floor which was to be undertaken by Hemsworth United at the end of the season. In addition to this the Clerk gave an update on matters relating to the lease and the need for fencing to be erected along the front of the site to prevent the problems being experienced with vehicles using the area and causing damage to the pitch.

It was agreed that the information be noted and approval be given for the sealing work to be undertaken.

It was further agreed that a recommendation is forwarded to the Finance Committee to purchase and have erected fencing on this site subject to seeking approval from WMDC.

337 ALLOTMENTS

The Town Clerk reported on the following:

a. Allotment Representative Meeting held on 15 January 2014

Members discussed the notes that had been circulated with the agenda.

It was agreed that the details be noted and that the Service Provision Team be instructed to deal with the ragwort, that the skip hire be undertaken in October due to staffing implications and any further work requested be scheduled on the maintenance programme.

b. Paddock Holders Public Liability Insurance

Members discussed the Office Managers report which was circulated with the agenda. Councillor Upson proposed that public liability insurance should be seen at the time of a tenant paying their rental. This was seconded by Councillor Campbell.

RESOLVED: That by a unanimous vote it was agreed that the policy of this Council is to see the public liability insurance re: paddock holders at the time the tenant pays their rental.

c. The Town Clerk is to report on a request for permission to keep a dog overnight on Town Council allotments.

The Clerk gave details of correspondence received relating to permission for keeping a dog on an allotment site overnight. Members discussed the application in detail and the Clerk provided additional information/correspondence relating to past practice.

RESOLVED: That permission be refused due to the policy of this Town Council being not to allow dogs on allotment plots overnight.

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d. The Town Clerk to report on a request to have a paddock on Springfield should the existing tenant terminate.

The Clerk informed members that due to the current tenant renewing his tenancy that the correspondence was not now applicable.

It was agreed that the information be noted.

e. To discuss or otherwise deal with the quotation received for improvements to Grove Lane allotment site.

The Clerk gave details of the quotation received.

It was agreed that due to budget constraints that this matter be left in abeyance.

f. To discuss or otherwise deal with the quotation received for the removal of the tree stump on Sandygate allotment site.

The Clerk gave details of the quotation received.

It was agreed that due to the cost implications that the Service Provision Team look to removing this tree or finding another solution.

338 BONFIRE

Members discussed the Office Manager report which provided information relating to Minute 278 (14/01/2014) hand held radios. Councillor Upson raised issues in relation to the details provided and the Clerk confirmed that the radios are used throughout the year.

It was agreed that the information be noted and that the Clerk ensures that all hand held radios are in working order.

Meeting closed @ 8.00 p.m.

Tina Pattison
Town Clerk
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