

## **MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND EVENTS COMMITTEE HELD ON 27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2016**

Present: Councillor E Bell (Chair) and  
Councillors, R Arthur, Mrs M R Baird,  
Mrs J A Bell, Mrs G Bleasdale,  
B Burn Snr, B Burn (Jnr), Mrs S Forster,  
C Snowball, B Taylor, K Younger.

Apologies: Councillor, Mrs H Cahill, S Cudlip,  
Miss S Morrison, I Paul.

*Prior to commencement of the meeting the Chair advised members of this Committee and members of the public that in line with the amendment to 'the public bodies (admission to meetings) act 1960', which came into force in August, 2014, parts of this meeting may be recorded by photographic, video and audio means.*

### **1. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

Members were reminded prior to the start of the meeting of the need to disclose any interests, prejudicial or personal, in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

### **2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 30<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2016**

RECOMMENDED the Minutes of this meeting, a copy of which had been previously printed and circulated to each Member, be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

### **3. PARKS AND EVENTS SERVICES**

The Committee considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report which provided an update on the following items.

#### **3.1 Consultation with Church Street Traders**

It is proposed to allocate £3,000 during the forthcoming budget round towards an initiative to increase public interest in Church Street. It was suggested that the Council funds are a catalyst for further funding towards a sculpture that the public and other organisations also contribute towards. The Deputy Town Clerk requested permission to start holding consultations with traders.

RECOMMENDED the Deputy Town Clerk to start consultations with traders.

#### **3.2 Seaham Town Park Pavilion**

Members are asked to approve that Seaham Rugby Club be able to use the pavilion this season at a charge of £1,500.

RECOMMENDED the Council agreed for Seaham Rugby Club to have use of the pavilion.

**3.3 Dawdon & Parkside Landscape Improvements**

Members are asked to approve a proposed budget allocation of £5,000 during the next budget round for landscape improvement projects in Dawdon and Parkside. The Deputy Town Clerk seeks approval to hold consultations with the members of Dawdon and Parkside Community Centres.

RECOMMENDED the Deputy Town Clerk holds consultations with the Dawdon and Parkside Community Centres.

**3.4 4G Pitches for Seaham**

The Deputy Town Clerk seeks approval to arrange for Suzanne Richardson to attend a future meeting of the Parks & Events Committee and also to hold an interim meeting with Ms Richardson and other stakeholders to discuss the potential funds and sites to allocate a 4G pitch in Seaham.

RECOMMENDED the Deputy Town Clerk arranges meetings with Ms Richardson.

**3.5 Historic England**

The Deputy Town Clerk informed Members that Historic England are currently touring the country assessing for listed status for First World War Memorials.

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information.

**3.6 Resolution to Exclude the Press and Public**

RECOMMENDED in view of the confidential nature of the item to be discussed, the formal resolution be hereby passed to exclude the press and public from the meeting pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act, 1961.

**3.7 Dawdon Park Project**

The Deputy Town Clerk requests Members to approve the minutes of the Dawdon Park Working Party and the associated fees as detailed by the Architect to allow the project to move forward.

It was also noted that Councillor B Burn (Snr) has resigned from the Dawdon Park Working Party.

RECOMMENDED the Council approved the minutes of the meeting and fees as detailed by the Architect.

**3.8 Risk Management Issues**

RECOMMENDED the Council accept the Deputy Town Clerk's report of risk assessment carried out in relation to the various issues reported.

**4. PRESS OPPORTUNITIES**

RECOMMENDED the Council note that forthcoming events will be advertised in the press.