

MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND EVENTS COMMITTEE HELD ON 22ND NOVEMBER, 2016

Present: Councillor S Cudlip (Chair) and
Councillors, Mrs G Bleasdale, B Burn,
B Burn (Jnr), S Cudlip, Mrs S Forster,
R Meir, Miss S Morrison, I Paul,
C Snowball, B Taylor, R Whitehead,
K Younger.

Apologies: Councillor, R Arthur, E Bell, Mrs J A Bell

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 25TH OCTOBER, 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 Seaham High School War Memorial & Poppy Pebbles and Remembrance Sunday Events

The Deputy Town Clerk reported that the Poppy Pebbles and the new War Memorial at Seaham High School had created a vast amount of positive media coverage for the town.

The Deputy Town Clerk also noted that the Remembrance Sunday sound was tested 4 or 5 times before the actual start of the event and was found to be excellent. The Royal British Legion were instructed to use the silver mic for the speeches but they did not pass this information on to the speakers. The Deputy Town Clerk requested that the Town Council purchases a further microphone and 2 x microphone stands at a cost of £170. A Member stated that it is a service which is at the Cenotaph but is not organised by the Council and there should be a consultation held with the Royal British Legion. The Town Council are only supporting the event and not leading it.

A Member questioned whether the Deputy Town Clerk had looked into the possibility of purchasing sound machines as the winds on the Terrace Green influence how sound will travel.

RECOMMENDED

- (i) That if the consultation with the Royal British Legion is successful then approval will be given to purchase the microphone and stands.
- (ii) The Deputy Town Clerk to look into the costs for sound machines and report back to the Parks & Events Committee.

3.2 Seaham Fireworks Night

The Deputy Town Clerk informed the Council that the Firework Display had created a lot of positive media for the town.

RECOMMENDED that the Council note the information.

3.3 Proposed Events for 2017

The Deputy Town Clerk requests Members to approve the events which are planned for 2017. A Member stated that a meeting is scheduled on 29th November, 2016 to discuss the events further and hopefully be able to report back to this Committee for approval. The Town Clerk stated that all events listed have been factored into next year's budgets. A Member informed the meeting that the Town Council may receive some funding towards the events from Durham County Council.

RECOMMENDED that the Events Sub-Committee report back to the Parks & Events Committee for approval of 2017 events.

4 Dawdon Park Project

The Deputy Town Clerk requests Members to approve the minutes of the Dawdon Park Working Party held on the 2nd November, 2016. A Member of the Dawdon Park Working Party informed the Committee that a meeting was held where various aspects of the Dawdon Project was discussed and the Council are formally asked to ratify the minutes. A Member who had previously resigned from the Dawdon Park Working Party requested to rejoin the Working Party.

RECOMMENDED

- (i) That the Council approve the minutes of the meeting.
- (ii) Approval is given for the Member to return to the Dawdon Park Working Party.

5. Temporary Overspill Car Park – Seaham Town Park

The Deputy Town Clerk informed the Council that he would monitor the situation with regards to the car parking and noted it was mostly when there was a clash of events taking place at the Park.

RECOMMENDED that the Deputy Town Clerk monitors the car parking situation.

6. 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.

7. REVISED BUDGET FOR 2016/17 AND PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2017/18

This was the second opportunity for Members to consider this item. It was noted that the first meeting of the Sub-Committee has taken place and the second meeting was due to take place shortly. It was suggested that the Committee should await the outcomes of the second meeting.

RECOMMENDED that the Council awaits the outcomes of the second budget meeting and then report back to the next meeting.

8. Additional Item – The Allotments Sub Committee

RECOMMENDED that Members agree the report of the Allotments Sub Committee.

9. PRESS OPPORTUNITIES

RECOMMENDED the Council note that no press opportunities existed from this meeting.