

MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND EVENTS COMMITTEE HELD ON 21st JUNE, 2016

Present: Councillor K Shaw (Chair) and
Councillors E Bell, Mrs J A Bell,
Mrs G Bleasdale, B Burn Snr, B Burn (Jnr)
S Cudlip Mrs S Forster, R Meir,
Miss S Morrison, B Taylor,
K Younger.

Apologies: Councillor B Allen, Mrs B E Allen,
R Arthur, Mrs M R Baird, Mrs H J Cahill, 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 17TH MAY, 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 Railway Improvements

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information.

3.2 Seahams Sculptural Trail

The Deputy Town Clerk attended a further meeting with the AAP today and he will arrange a further meeting to take place with the Councillors.

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information.

3.3 Somme Event 1st July 2016

The Deputy Town Clerk gave an update on the above event and requested that Members attend the event if they are available to do so.

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information

3.4 Seaham Sea Cadets – Flag Raising/Lowering Battle of Jutland 31st May, 2016

The Deputy Town Clerk reported that a lot of Members attended the event even though it was a bad weather day. A short video was taken of the event which was placed on Seaham Town Councils Facebook and has received over 2000 views.

RECOMMENDED The Deputy Town Clerk to write a letter of thanks to the Sea Cadets

3.5 Army Surge 19th – 23rd September 2016 – Terrace Green

The Members were advised of the Beat and Retreat event on the Terrace Green which is being organised by The Remember Them Fund. The Deputy Town Clerk requested approval for this event to take place on the 23rd September at 6.00pm.

RECOMMENDED the Council agreed the above proposal.

3.6 Other Forthcoming events

The Deputy Town Clerk provided an update on the dates of forthcoming events and that plans were progressing without any issues at present.

The Deputy Town Clerk stated that the installation of a permanent electrical feed to Terrace Green will not be ready for the Carnival, however this should be ready in time for the Christmas Lights switch on.

RECOMMENDED: The Council note the information provided for the various planned events.

3.7 Town Hall Garden Area

The planters are currently being constructed and the hope is the hard standing areas will be in by 10th July.

RECOMMENDED: The Council note the information now reported.

3.8 Dawdon Dog Fouling

The Deputy Town Clerk stated that to assist with the issue of dog fouling and to help with the entry into the Northumbria in Bloom competition he will be going along to Dawdon on 22nd and 23rd June to hand out dog bags to encourage dog walkers to use the bins.

RECOMMENDED The Council note the information now reported.

3.9 Green Flag Judging Seaham Town Park

The Deputy Town Clerk reported that the judges were impressed but would have liked to have seen a wildflower area in the park. We await their feedback and we will have another go next year.

RECOMMENDED:

- (i) The Council note the information now reported.
- (ii) If we are successful in winning an award the Council will take it to a further meeting to decide who will represent the Council.

3.10 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.

At this point a member of the public left the meeting.

3.11 Cemetery Issues

The Deputy Town Clerk informed the Committee that he had been in touch with the DAS which is part of the Councils insurance cover to deal with the ongoing issues at the new cemetery.

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information and await further details.

3.12 Dawdon Park Project

A Member informed the Committee that the group had met today (21st June) and they would be reporting this back to a future meeting.

RECOMMENDED the Dawdon Park Working Party will report back to a future meeting.

3.13 Hall Street Allotments

A Member informed the Committee that the Committee would report back on this after it had been to a future meeting.

RECOMMENDED the Council will report back following a future meeting.

3.14 Remembrance Sunday – Letter from Royal British Legion

The Deputy Town Clerk informed the Committee of the letter received from the Royal British Legion and the content in the second paragraph which refers to the Royal British Legion asking if the Council wish for the Legion to

carry on organising the Remembrance Parade on the Councils behalf which makes it sound like they are supporting us when in fact it is the Legions parade and we are supporting them.

RECOMMENDED The Deputy Town Clerk to respond to the letter confirming that it is the Legions parade and Seaham Town Council are in support.

3.15 Seaham School of Technology

The Deputy Town Clerk reported that the school has requested to be able to use the Red Star Football pitch approximately six times over the coming year as the schools playing fields will not be available to them yet.

RECOMMENDED the Council agreed the above proposal

3.16 Aldi Boulevard

The Deputy Town Clerk referred to the plans for the proposed layout at Aldi Boulevard.

RECOMMENDED Members are requested to make any comments if they wish to do so.

3.17 Seaham In Bloom

The Deputy Town Clerk informed Members of Seaham In Bloom on the 4th July, 2016 which starts at 1.00pm at Seaham Hall everyone is welcome to come along there will be a small buffet provided. From Seaham Hall we will be going to East Shore Village, Terrace Green, the Marina, the Community Allotments, Deneside Park and then back to Seaham Town Hall for 3.00pm.

RECOMMENDED THE Council note the information.

3.18 Risk Assessments

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

4. REPORT OF THE ALLOTMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDED the Council accept the report of the Allotment Sub-Committee.

5. PRESS OPPORTUNITIES

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