

MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND EVENTS COMMITTEE HELD ON 30th AUGUST, 2016

Present: Councillor K Shaw (Chair) and
Councillors, B Allen, Mrs B E Allen,
R Arthur, Mrs M R Baird, Mrs G Bleasdale,
B Burn Snr, S Cudlip Mrs S Forster,
Miss S Morrison, C Snowball, B Taylor,
R Whitehead, K Younger.

Apologies: Councillor, E Bell, Mrs J A Bell,
B Burn (Jnr), 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 21st JUNE, 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 Green Flag Award

The Deputy Town Clerk noted that Seaham Town Council had won a Green Flag award for Seaham Town Park. This was the first time the Town Council had entered the award. A video was shared with the general public which was positively received.

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information.

3.2 Seaham In Bloom

Seaham has entered the Northumbria in Bloom competition this year. The awards ceremony is taking place on the 14th September, 2016 at the Lancastrian Suite and the Mayor and Deputy Town Clerk wish to attend as representatives of Seaham Town Council. The Deputy Town Clerk stated that the displays had received good comments especially the wild flowers on the roundabouts.

RECOMMENDED that the Mayor and Deputy Town Clerk attend the awards ceremony.

3.3 Litter Picking Volunteers

The Deputy Town Clerk informed members that Ms Nicola Beldham the founder of the Unofficial Coastal Clean Up Crew will shortly be leaving Seaham and he proposes that a letter of thanks is sent to her for her invaluable work. The Deputy Town Clerk also suggested that the Town Council offers further support to the group in 2016/2017 with regard to the loaning of bag loops, litter picks, bags and also the use of a member of the parks staff and the all-terrain vehicle.

RECOMMENDED the Deputy Town Clerk writes a thank you letter to Ms Beldham.

RECOMMENDED the Council agreed to offer further support to the Clean Up Crew in 2016/2017.

4. Emergency Contacts

A Member raised the issue of emergency contact numbers due to an incident that occurred over the bank holiday weekend at the New Seaham Cemetery.

RECOMMENDED the emergency contact numbers are provided to all Councillors.

5. 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.

6. PRESS OPPORTUNITIES

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