

MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND EVENTS COMMITTEE HELD ON 3RD JANUARY, 2017

Present: Councillor S Cudlip (Chair) and
Councillors, b Allen, Mrs B E Allen, E Bell,
Mrs J A Bell, Mrs G Bleasdale, B Burn,
B Burn (Jnr), Mrs H Cahill, S Cudlip,
Mrs S Forster, Miss S Morrison,
C Snowball, R Whitehead, K Younger.

Apologies: Councillor, R Arthur, I Paul, B Taylor

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 22ND NOVEMBER, 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 Proposed Events for 2017

The Deputy Town Clerk requests Members to approve the events which are planned for 2017. A Member stated that this would be agreeable with the exception of events which are subject to external funding. The external funding will need to be in place before these events can be approved.

RECOMMENDED that the events for 2017 are agreed with the exception of the events which are subject to grant funding.

2 Dawdon Park Project

The minutes of the most recent Dawdon Park Working Party will be circulated separately as soon as they are completed due to the Christmas break and other commitments.

RECOMMENDED that the most recent minutes will be circulated separately.

3. PARKSIDE OLD SCHOOL SITE

Seaham Town Council have replied to Durham County Council with regard to Seaham Town Council surrendering the lease of the above site. Seaham Town Council have attempted to negotiate the transfer of other playing field sites but have not received a response from Durham as yet.

RECOMMENDED Members to note the information

4. SEAHAM TOWN PARK CRICKET NETS

Seaham Town Park Cricket Club have secured funding for cricket nets which they are requesting the Town Council purchase and own them. It was stated that if Seaham Town Council own the nets then they would have responsibility for the repairs and maintenance of the nets. It was suggested that the Town Council could purchase the nets and then gift them to the Cricket Club.

RECOMMENDED that the Town Council purchase and then gift the nets to the Cricket Club.

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. DENESIDE COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP REQUEST

The Deputy Town Clerk informed the meeting that Deneside Community Action Group have requested that they create a Community Allotment site at Deneside Allotments.

RECOMMENDED that the Deputy Town Clerk enters into further discussion with the Deneside Community Action Group to work towards the creation of a Community Allotment site.

7. PRESS OPPORTUNITIES

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