

MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND EVENTS COMMITTEE HELD ON 2nd FEBRUARY, 2021

- Present: Councillor B Taylor (Chair) and E Bell,
Mrs J A Bell, Mrs G Bleasdale,
Mrs K Brace, S Cudlip, Mrs S Forster,
Ms R M Gratton, G N Hepworth,
D McKenna, T Shepherd.
Miss L Willis
- Apologies: R Arthur, Mrs L Kennedy, K Shaw.
- Officers: P Fletcher (Deputy Town Clerk)
Miss A Rountree (Minute Taker)

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.

PE19/21 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.

PE20/21 ACCEPTANCE OF AMENDMENT

RECOMMENDED that Members accept the amendment to the standing orders to incorporate the new regulations from the Flexibility of Local Authority to conduct virtual Council meetings.

PE22/21 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC'S REQUEST FOR THE COUNCIL TO INVESTIGATE A GOOD MINERS SCULPTURE

The Deputy Town Clerk informed Members that he had received a request from a member of the public for the Town Council to look into purchasing a mining sculpture and suggested the same artist could be used who created 'Tommy'.

A Member noted that when 'Tommy' arrived the Town Council did look into buying it but they were informed by a Solicitor that they could not use public money to buy a work of art. The Town Council only took ownership of 'Tommy' after the public purchased it.

A Member suggested that this item should be deferred until after the current pandemic and brought back to a future meeting. It was also suggested that this item could be shared with the public to decide if they wish to purchase such an item in the future.

RECOMMENDED that this item be deferred until after the current pandemic and brought back to a future meeting for further discussion.

PE23/21 **EASTLEA COMMUNITY CENTRE**

The Deputy Town Clerk stated that Eastlea Community Centre have started to send out meals for vulnerable people and requested that the Town Council also make a donation to them as they have with the other community centres offering this service.

RECOMMENDED that Eastlea Community Centre is given a £2000 donation to assist with their meal service.

PE24/21 **STATIONERY ASSISTANCE FOR SCHOOLS**

A Member had contacted the Deputy Town Clerk to ask if there was any assistance that the Town Council could give to school children with stationery items such as writing pads, coloured pencils, rubbers etc whilst they are home schooling.

The Deputy Town Clerk stated that Officers had priced this up to cover every school child and it was very expensive. A Member suggested that the Town Council could involve local businesses to see if they would be prepared to assist on a community basis. Members agreed for the Deputy Town Clerk to contact local businesses and to bring this back to the next meeting.

RECOMMENDED that the Deputy Town Clerk contacts local businesses to see if they can offer any support to purchase items.

PE25/21 **SOLAR PANELS AT THE TOWN HALL**

The Deputy Town Clerk informed Members that the Town Hall is currently undergoing the G99 assessment and this may take a few months.

RECOMMENDED that Members note the information provided.

PE26/21 **RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES**

RECOMMENDED that Members note the information.