

BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Recreation & Amenities Committee
held on Monday 14th January 2019 at 8.30pm

PRESENT

Cllr L Lindsay – Committee Chairman
Cllr R Carter – Chairman of Council
Cllr S Hitchings
Cllr John Stayt

Cllr H White – Committee Vice Chairman
Cllr N Lacey-Clarke – Vice Chairman of Council
Cllr C Stevens

IN ATTENDANCE

Town Clerk
Assistant Town Clerk

Operations Manager
Nicci Brown - Press

23. PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public were in attendance.

24. APOLOGIES

Cllr H Galpin

25. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None had been submitted.

26. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12th NOVEMBER 2018

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke, SECONDED by Cllr Steve Hitchings and AGREED unanimously that the Minutes be APPROVED and SIGNED.

27. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

27.1 BBC Radio Solent Dorset – Breakfast-time presenter, Steve Harris, has asked to come to Blandford to broadcast a radio show. It has been suggested that this takes place on a Thursday morning in the Corn Exchange when the market is in force and he will discuss this with his producer.

27.2 Art UK – Senior Councillors may recall a piece of work carried out in 2007 when the BBC came to photograph the Town Council's collection of paintings. They will be returning on Tuesday morning to photograph the Town Council's sculptures which include two busts, a figure, a bas relief and the lions.

27.3 Woodhouse Gardens – Staff are preparing the tender documents for the extension project and the architect is in touch with the structural surveyor. Age Concern has requested blinds for the doors due to the sunlight impacting on users, which have been ordered and installed.

27.4 Blandford United Football Club – A meeting was held with the President of the football club on Friday and he is going to Dorset FA to apply for funding for the spectator stand and a new path.

28. REVIEW OF RECREATION & AMENITIES BUDGETS TO 20TH DECEMBER 2018

28.1 Analytical Review of Revenue Budget

The paper was noted (see Appendix A).

28.2 Review of Earmarked Reserves

The paper was noted (see Appendix B).

28. REVIEW OF RECREATION & AMENITIES BUDGETS TO 20TH DECEMBER 2018 (CONT)

28.3 Reserve Accounts

The paper was noted (see Appendix C).

The Chairman thanked the Responsible Financial Officer for the comprehensive report.

29. TO REVIEW AND AGREE THE HIRE CHARGES FOR 2019/20

The paper was noted (see Appendix D).

It was PROPOSED by Cllr White, SECONDED by Cllr Carter and AGREED unanimously that

The Committee agrees the proposed fees and hire charges for 2019/20 at Appendix D.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

Cllr Stevens declared an interest as a member of the Georgian Fayre group.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke, SECONDED by Cllr Lindsay and AGREED (6 in favour, 1 non-vote) that

The Committee agrees to:

- **Continue to provide the hire of the Shambles free of charge to the Georgian Fayre (post meeting note: which is in accordance with the arrangement with the Blandford Yuletide Festival).**
- **The continuation of the arrangement for free hire for the tea dances.**
- **The introduction of a charge of £2 per session for the aerobics and keep-fit classes to cover the increased PPL/PRS charges.**

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

30. REPORT BY OPERATIONS MANAGER NOVEMBER 2018 – JANUARY 2019

The paper was noted (see Appendix E).

Cllr Lindsay praised staff member Huw Lewis as she has received numerous positive comments from Woodhouse Gardens hirers.

31. TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR DAVIS GARDEN IN LIGHT OF NEW INFORMATION

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Stevens, SECONDED by Cllr Lindsay and AGREED (6 in favour, 1 against) that

The Committee does not agree to the proposal of a vegetable plot, with members of the public picking their own and it being on a busy junction, but suggests the group applies for a grant to cover the hire of an allotment plot.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

The meeting closed at 8:42pm.

SIGNED: DATED: