

BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Recreation & Amenities Committee
held on Monday 13th November 2017 at 7.00pm

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PRESENT

Cllr L Lindsay – Committee Chairman
Cllr P Clark – Chairman of Council
Cllr S Hitchings
Cllr N Lacey-Clarke

Cllr P Osborne – Committee Vice Chairman
Cllr R Carter – Vice Chairman of Council
Cllr H White
Cllr H Galpin

IN ATTENDANCE

Town Clerk
Nicci Brown – Press

Grounds & Property Manager

32. PUBLIC SESSION

There were no members of the public in attendance.

33. APOLOGIES

Cllr John Stayt

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

None had been submitted.

35. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25TH SEPTEMBER 2017

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Carter, SECONDED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke and AGREED (6 in favour, 2 abstentions) that the Minutes be APPROVED and SIGNED.

36. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

36.1 Booking Conditions – The conditions have been updated with regards to fire regulations for hirers. These are sent out with any booking that is made.

36.2 Tango Swing – The Administrative Assistant successfully achieved Awards for All funding at a total of £3,090 for the new tango swing at Langton play area.

36.3 Langton Gate – Cllr Quayle received a query from a resident over concerns for the safety of children and Cllr Lindsay, as Committee Chairman, approved the installation of a 1.2m wide and high self-closing gate, which will open towards the path/play area. The contractor will install it this month at a cost of £710. The grounds staff have purchased red ground paint for the edge of the pavement by the road as an additional safety precaution.

36.4 Sub-let – Blandford Lions have written to seek permission to sub-let the Corn Exchange for their Christmas Fair, which has been approved.

37. REVIEW OF RECREATION & AMENITIES BUDGETS TO 24TH OCTOBER 2017

37.1 Analytical Review of Revenue Budget

The paper was noted (see Appendix A).

37.2 Review of Earmarked Reserves

The paper was noted (see Appendix B).

37.3 Reserve Accounts

The paper was noted (see Appendix C).

37. REVIEW OF RECREATION & AMENITIES BUDGETS TO 24TH OCTOBER 2017 (CONT)

The Chairman thanked the RFO for the clear and concise reports.

38. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE WALL BEHIND WOODHOUSE GARDENS PAVILION, THE CONSULTATION FEEDBACK WITH HIRERS OF THE PAVILION AND ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURE FOR THE PROPOSED EXTENSION TO THE PAVILION

The paper was noted (see Appendix D).

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Carter, SECONDED by Cllr Lacey-Carke and AGREED unanimously that a RECOMMENDATION is made to full council that

The Committee approves the proposal to extend Woodhouse Gardens pavilion and authorises expenditure from budget lines 1017 and 1120 up to a maximum of £40,000 (Expenditure Authority: General Power of Competence, Localism Act 2011, S1-8).

ACTION: TOWN COUNCIL

39. REPORTS BY GROUNDS & PROPERTIES MANAGER SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 2017

The paper was noted (see Appendix E) and the Chairman thanked the Grounds & Property Manager for his clear and concise report.

40. CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2018/2019 AND RECOMMENDATION TO TOWN COUNCIL

The paper was noted (see Appendix F).

40.1 Revenue Budget

The paper was tabled (see Appendix G).

It was PROPOSED by Cllr White, SECONDED by Cllr Carter and AGREED unanimously that a RECOMMENDATION is made to the Finance & Staffing Committee that

The Revenue Budget for 2018/2019 is approved;

40.2 Earmarked Reserves

It was PROPOSED by Cllr White, SECONDED by Cllr Clark and AGREED unanimously that a RECOMMENDATION is made to the Finance & Staffing Committee that

The proposed Earmarked Reserves budget for 2017/2018 is approved at £26,600:

- £0 Allotments
- £10,000 PPM
- £1,000 Chapel
- £1,000 Workshop
- £1,000 Cemetery Wall
- £500 DDA
- £500 Play area fencing and surfacing
- £0 Larksmead outdoor fitness
- £0 Seat replacement
- £0 Tree survey
- £100 Health & safety memorials
- £5,000 Woodhouse Gardens Wall Repairs;
- £7,000 Langton fencing
- £500 for Contingency

40. CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2018/2019 AND RECOMMENDATION TO TOWN COUNCIL

40.3 Earmarked Reserves

The proposed Reserves Accounts budget for 2018/2019 is approved with no recommendations, apart from transferring the balance of the Cemetery Field budget line (£141.31).

41. CONFIDENTIAL

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

The public and press may be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that publicity might be prejudicial to the public interest as per the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

41.1 Town Clerk's Report

Nothing to report.

41.2 Minutes of the Confidential Meeting held on Monday 25th September 2017

It was PROPOSED by Cllr S Hitchings, SECONDED by Cllr Carter and AGREED (5 in favour, 3 abstentions) that the Minutes be APPROVED and SIGNED, subject to the inclusion of the Apologies for the meeting.

The meeting closed at 7:36pm.

SIGNED: DATED: