

**BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Recreation & Amenities Committee**  
**held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 7:32pm in the Corn Exchange**

**DRAFT**  
Subject to confirmation

**PRESENT**

Cllr S Chapman – Committee Chairman  
Cllr H Miéville – Chairman of Council  
Cllr C Stevens – Vice Chairman of Council  
Cllr Y Miéville  
Cllr M Putt

Cllr A Cross – Committee Vice Chairman  
Cllr J Robinson  
Cllr S Hitchings

**SITTING IN**

Cllr Gail Del-Pinto  
Cllr R Holmes

Cllr M Spruce  
Cllr T Clarkson

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Town Clerk

Committee Clerk

**IN ATTENDANCE VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

Cllr L Hitchings

**31. PUBLIC SESSION**

Dancing Event – The 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026 is World Dance Day and Cllr Stevens asked if it would be possible to have an event in the Corn Exchange, however there is already a Wedding Fair booked in. The Committee Chair suggested this is arranged for next year.

**32. APOLOGIES**

Cllr L Hitchings (in attendance via Microsoft Teams)

**33. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

None

**34. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026**

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Cross, SECONDED by Cllr Y Miéville and AGREED unanimously that the Minutes be APPROVED and SIGNED.

**35. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE**

Allotments – A complaint has been received and submitted to the Committee Chairman and an Allotment representative. Meetings will be arranged in due course.

Dorset Council Capital Leverage Fund – The application for the pump track was not successful.

Clerks' Conference – We hosted our first conference of 60 clerks across the county with the DAPTC on Friday and it was a great success! The sound, heating, wi-fi, lighting and catering all worked well and we received lots of praise for the building. There were extra challenges with the need for remote presentations, but this was overcome and it worked really well.

**36. TO CONSIDER THE TENDERS FOR THE PLAY AREAS AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY**

The paper was tabled (see Appendix A).

Councillors discussed the proposals, based on the designs provided in the paper tabled by the Town Clerk.

**36. TO CONSIDER THE TENDERS FOR THE PLAY AREAS AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY (cont.)**

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Cross, but NOT SECONDED that the committee selects Company D.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Putt, SECONDED by Cllr Robinson and AGREED (7 in favour, 1 against) that

**The committee selects Company C as the preferred tender for the three play area sites as per the tender notice, including surfacing and replacement equipment, at £61,937.84 including VAT using the budget line for General Play Equipment (Expenditure Authority: General Power of Competence Localism Act 2011 s1-8) and the Town Clerk informs all the companies of the outcome and publishes the notice on Contracts Finder.**

<b>ACTION: TOWN CLERK</b>
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The meeting closed at 8:07pm.

**SIGNED:** ..... **DATED:** .....