

Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held at Quedgeley Community Centre on Wednesday 4th October 2017 at 7.30pm

PRESENT Cllr S Smith (Chair), Cllr Mrs T Arnold, Cllr Mrs M Slatter, Cllr Mrs T Williams
Cllr Mrs McAllan, Cllr Arnold, Cllr Pearce and Cllr Lee

OFFICER PRESENT Debbie Hughes

Cllr S Smith advised that although we always treat committee meetings differently to Full Council in as much as they are more relaxed, we must however remember to carry out our deliberations professionally and in line with our Standing Orders. To this end, we must not interrupt those who are already speaking and if anyone wants to speak they should do so through the Chair.

R.069/17-18	Apologies for Absence Apologies were noted from Cllr G Smith
R.070/17-18	Declarations of Interest None Received
R.071/17-18	To Adopt the following Minutes of the Previous Meeting dated: 6 th September 2017 Cllr S Smith PROPOSED to adopt the above minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Seconded Cllr Mrs M Slatter Vote unanimous So resolved
R.072/17-18	Correspondence (a) Mrs Stacey – overgrown brambles Cllr S Smith advised following a site visit the brambles are on City Council land. The committee request the office reply to Mrs Stacey. Action – Town Office
R.073/17-18	Community Events (a) Dog Show – To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £200.00 for hire of toilets Cllr Lee PROPOSED the above expenditure. Seconded Cllr Mrs T Arnold Vote unanimous So resolved (b) Firework Display – Report on progress Cllr S Smith advised, following a meeting with Theresa Fisher the Community Champion for Tesco's in relation to the Council providing flyers with the store and a request for an area to sell tickets. Mrs Fisher will investigate and advise. Cllr Pearce volunteered to take a lead on the firework display. Cllr Pearce advised that Gloucester City Council are not holding a firework display this year, with this in mind, the Council may have an influx of people and therefore preparations should reflect this. Discussions took place and it was agreed to contact the following for assistance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr S Smith contact Police Cadets • Cllr Arnold contact Air Cadets • Town office to contact – Police • Town office to contact all Councillors for assistance The committee unanimously agreed once the fireworks commences there will be no charge. Cllr Mrs T Arnold offered to sell tickets. Action – Cllr S Smith, Cllr Arnold & Town Office

R.074/17-18	<p>Armistice Day – 11th November 2017 To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £22.00 for purchase of a wreath Cllr S Smith PROPOSED the above expenditure. Seconded Cllr Mrs T Arnold Vote unanimous So resolved Action – Town Office</p>
R.075/17-18	<p>Playground Safety Reports (a) Druids Oak, Woolstrop Play Area and Bristol Road Recreation Ground - to consider any necessary action arising from the reports</p> <p>Druids oak: 11.9.17 : 24.9.17 : 3.10.17 : 17.10 Bristol Road Rec: 4.9.17 : 11.9.17 : 18.9.17 : 25.9.17 : Woolstrop Play Area: 5.9.17 : 12.9.17 : 19.9.17 : 28.9.17</p> <p>The above safety reports were noted.</p> <p>Cllr Lee asked when the moulded pig will be re-installed. Mrs Hughes will investigate and advise.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action – Town Office</p>
R.076/17-18	<p>Quedgeley Nature Reserve (a) Safety Report – 21.9.2017 – Cllr Mrs M Slatter The safety report carried out by Cllr G Smith was noted.</p> <p>Following the inspection, the following points were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wood chippings in car park • The fence previously destroyed is in the hedge – council office to arrange removal • Rubbish adjacent to SV school fence - office to arrange removal <p style="text-align: right;">Action – Town Office</p> <p>(b) Report on progress Nothing further to report at this stage.</p> <p>(c) To delegate authority to the office for expenditure not exceeding £200.00 for 2017-18 to cover any adhoc travelling expenses relating to Gloucester Vale Conservation Volunteers Cllr Lee PROPOSED the above expenditure. Seconded Cllr Mrs T Williams Vote unanimous So resolved</p>
R.077/17-18	<p>Budget 2017-18 To consider current position and future expenditure The budget sheet provided by the office was noted and signed by the chairman</p>
R/079/17-18	<p>Grounds Maintenance 2017-18 (a) To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £175.00 to clear Druids Oak brook Cllr Lee PROPOSED the above. Seconded Cllr Mrs Slatter Vote unanimous So resolved Action – Town Office</p> <p>(b) To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £225.00 to clear Bristol Road Rec brook Cllr Mrs McAllan PROPOSED the above. Seconded Cllr Lee Vote unanimous So resolved Action – Town Office</p> <p>(c) To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £210.00 to clear St James' corner beds Cllr Mrs Arnold PROPOSED the above. Seconded Cllr Mrs Williams Vote unanimous So resolved Action – Town Office</p>

	<p>(d) To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £185.00 to cut back trees near gate located at the Memorial Garden. Cllr Mrs Slatter PROPOSED the above. Seconded Cllr Mrs McAllan Vote unanimous So resolved Action – Town Office</p> <p>(e) To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £1,420.00 to cut back hedgerows on both sides located at Bristol Road Rec Cllr Lee PROPOSED the above. Seconded Cllr Mrs Slatter Vote unanimous So resolved Action – Town Office</p> <p>(f) To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £150.00 to cut hedge to rear of Kingsway Community Centre and clear borders to front and side. Cllr Mrs Arnold PROPOSED the above. Seconded Cllr Lee Vote unanimous So resolved Action – Town Office</p> <p>(g) To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £125.00 to weed spray car park gutters and clear weeds located at Quedgeley Community Centre. Cllr Lee PROPOSED the above. Seconded Cllr Mrs McAllan Vote unanimous So resolved Action – Town Office</p> <p>(h) To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £185.00 to clear borders, trim hedge to rear and cut back ivy located at Quedgeley Community Centre Cllr Mrs Williams PROPOSED the above. Seconded Cllr Mrs Arnold Vote unanimous So resolved Action – Town Office</p> <p>(i) To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £65.00 to cut tops off conifers located at Quedgeley Community Centre Cllr Lee PROPOSED the above. Seconded Cllr Mrs Williams Vote unanimous So resolved Action – Town Office</p> <p>(j) To consider and agree expenditure not exceeding £145.00 to cut back lower branches to the following trees: 1 outside council office, 1 on entrance to car park and 1 on exit to car park at Quedgeley Community Centre. Cllr Lee PROPOSED the above. Seconded Cllr Arnold Vote unanimous So resolved Action – Town Office</p>
R.080/17-18	<p>Budget 2018-2019 The committee requested the following item be included on the wish list.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-paint bench @ Druids Oak • Sign, no dogs allowed @ Druids Oak
R.081/17-18	<p>Allotments (a) Report on progress Cllr Arnold advised the allotment holder who was interested in having a bee hive has not materialised. However, considering encouraging bees.</p> <p>Cllr Lee would like to thank the allotment holders for their donations to the church which raised £30.00.</p>
R.082/17-18	<p>Quedgeley Cemetery Mrs Hughes advised, previously the committee agreed a maximum size of 15" x 18" for Cremation Memorial Stone. Following investigations, it has</p>

	<p>come to light that this is not a standard size and requested the committee to consider the size of 18"x18". The committee has no objections to the slight size change.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">So resolved Action – Town Office</p>
R.083/17-18	Business for Referral None

Date of Next Meeting 1st November 2017 - Noted

Meeting Closed 8.30pm