

Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held at Quedgeley Community Centre on Wednesday 1st November 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 Lee and Cllr G Smith

OFFICER PRESENT Mrs J Webster – Town Clerk

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.084/17-18	Apologies for Absence Apologies were noted from Cllr Pearce
R.085/17-18	Declarations of Interest None Received
R.086/17-18	To Adopt the following Minutes of the Previous Meeting dated: 4 th October 2017 Cllr S Smith PROPOSED to adopt the above minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Seconded Cllr Mrs McAllan Vote unanimous So resolved
R.087/17-18	Adjournment of Meeting to allow for Public Participation The meeting was adjourned to allow for public forum, it then reconvened
R.088/17-18	Correspondence Leaflet – Focus on Local Council Confirmation of official closure of St James' Churchyard
R.089/17-18	Community Events (a) Dog Show – Nothing to report (b) Firework Display – Report on progress Cllr S Smith advised that there was a possibility that Cllr Steve Wilcox will be able to supply a van for transportation of chairs etc on the night. Cllr G Smith confirmed that his vehicle would also be available. Cllr S Smith confirmed that Police would be present. Members agreed that setting up time on the day would be 8am and clearing away time on the 12 th November would be 8am. Mrs Webster advised that the Town Council Office would be open on Wednesday 8 th November from 6.30pm – 8.00pm for the sole purpose of selling firework tickets. Cllr G Smith offered to attend for support to the staff. Mrs Webster further confirmed that the event posters were due to go up in the next few days. The risk assessment was reviewed and members agreed that Cllr Pearce would be required to sign it prior to the event taking place. Cllr S Smith provided a reminder regarding the Armistice Day Service to be held on 11 th November 2017.
R.090/17-18	Playground Safety Reports (a) Druids Oak, Woolstrop Play Area and Bristol Road Recreation Ground - to consider any necessary action arising from the reports Druids oak: 01.11.17 Bristol Road Rec: 2.10.17 : 09.11.17 : 16.11.17 : Woolstrop Play Area: 3.10.17 : 10.10.17 : 17.10.17 : The above safety reports were noted.

R.091/17-18	Druids Oak Play Area Cllr G Smith PROPOSED expenditure not exceeding £156.00 to purchase a 'No Dogs Allowed' sign. Seconded: Cllr Mrs Arnold, Vote: Unanimous, So Resolved
R.092/17-18	Quedgeley Nature Reserve (a) Safety Report - no safety report available. Members were reminded of the rota. (b) Report on progress Nothing further to report at this stage.
R.093/17-18	Budget 2017-18 The budget sheet provided by the office was noted and signed by the chairman
R.094/17-18	Budget 2018-2019 Mrs Webster reminded members that consideration needs to be given to the new financial year with regards to new initiatives. The following items were put forward: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repainting of Druids Oak Bench • Waterwells Fishing Pond. Cllr G Smith provided a brief overview of the problems entailed. • PA system
R.095/17-18	Allotments (a) Report on progress Cllr G Smith confirmed that the trees are on order. Still looking for someone to provide bee hives. Mrs Webster confirmed that renewal tenancy agreements have gone out. Members agreed that Cllr Steve Wilcox is doing a good job.
R.096/17-18	Quedgeley Cemetery Cllr S Smith PROPOSED to adopt the fee in line with Dursley. Seconded: Cllr Mrs Slatter, Vote: Unanimous, So Resolved
R.097/17-18	Business for Referral CCTV – Druids Oak

Date of Next Meeting 6th December 2017 – noted

Meeting Closed 8.30pm

Notes of the Public Forum at the Recreation & Amenities Meeting on the 1st November 2017

5 members of the public attended and spoke with regards to ongoing vandalism, particularly around the Druids Oak area. One resident confirmed that she was a victim of crime, having recently incurred vandalism to her fence. More and more youths are congregating in Druids Oak with one resident believing that drug dealing taking place. A request was made for CCTV to be re-erected as this was previously a good deterrent. Mrs Webster provided a brief overview with regards to the CCTV and confirmed that this had previously been considered, however it remains a cost issue.

Further vandalism examples were provided and the resident concerned confirmed that they had a good relationship with the Police and it was believed that the youths concerned were aged between 15 and 17. The resident concerned wished to stress to the council that her thoughts and feelings should be heard and the suggesting for CCTV put forward.

The mother of the concern resident also addressed the council and confirmed that in her opinion, CCTV would act as a good deterrent.

Cllr G Smith confirmed that CCTV is in the Community Centre for the very same reason. He advised that Police are suggesting that at the moment, car doors should be locked and bags kept secure. He also confirmed that the QTC staff had been advised to remain together and not walk or work alone.

Cllr N Lee confirmed that he had been a member of R&A for 15 years and agreed that CCTV does have a deterring effect.

Cllr G Smith concluded in saying that CCTV would be considered and assured the residents that this would be discussed at the next Full Council Meeting.

There being no further questions the meeting reconvened.