

## AMENITIES COMMITTEE

### Minutes of the Meeting held in the Large Hall of the Town Hall, Calne on Monday 6 June 2005

**PRESENT:** Councillor Mrs C J Bowyer – Town Mayor - Ex Officio  
Councillor C J Viner – Deputy Town Mayor – Ex Officio Councillor  
Councillor Mrs M J Baggs  
Councillors Mrs E M Bland  
Councillor Mrs L E Hammond  
Councillor L F Jones  
Councillor Mrs C O’Gorman  
Councillor R J Stigwood

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillor R Golding

**OFFICERS:** Mrs L Wakefield – Deputy Town Clerk  
Mrs A Cawkwell – Committee Clerk

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public at the meeting.

#### **01/05 APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Councillor A J Trotman.

#### **02/05 ELECTION OF A CHAIR**

The Chair, Councillor C J Viner, asked for nominations for Chair.

It was proposed by Councillor R J Stigwood and seconded by Councillor Mrs E M Bland that Councillor Mrs M J Baggs should be Chair of this Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs C O’Gorman and seconded by Councillor L F Jones that Councillor Mrs L E Hammond should be Chair of this Committee.

Following a vote on the two nominations, and the Chair having to use his casting vote, it was

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Mrs M J Baggs be elected as Chair of this Committee for the ensuing year.

Councillor Mrs M J Baggs thanked Councillor Viner and stated that he had been an excellent chair for the past year.

**Councillor Mrs M J Baggs assumed the Chair.**

### **03/05 ELECTION OF A VICE-CHAIR**

The Chair, Councillor Mrs M J Baggs, asked for nominations for Vice-Chair.

It was proposed by the Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor C J Viner, seconded by the Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs C J Bowyer and

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that Councillor Mrs L E Hammond be elected as Vice-Chair of this Committee for the ensuing year.

### **04/05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

### **05/05 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee held on Monday 7 March 2005, having previously been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### **06/05 EARMARKED RESERVES**

The earmarked reserves, which are attached to and form part of these Minutes, were noted by members.

### **07/05 WORKING GROUP MEMBERSHIP**

It was agreed that the Sports Facilities Working Group and the Beversbrook Playing Pitch Working Group should be amalgamated and take the name of the Sports Facilities Working Group. The following Councillors would sit on the Sports Facilities Working Group:

The Town Mayor, The Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs M J Baggs, Councillor T A Briggs, Councillor J R Ireland and Councillor L F Jones.

It was agreed that the following Councillors would sit on the Community Working Group:

The Town Mayor, The Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor P R Atkinson, Councillor Mrs M J Baggs, Councillor Mrs E M Bland and Councillor Mrs L E Hammond.

It was agreed that the following Councillors would sit on the Town Hall Working Group:

The Town Mayor, The Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs M J Baggs, Councillor Mrs E M Bland and Councillor Mrs L E Hammond.

It was agreed that the following Councillors would sit on the Skatepark Working Group:

The Town Mayor, The Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs M J Baggs, Councillor Mrs E M Bland and Councillor R J Stigwood.

## **08/05 CASTLEFIELDS CANAL AND RIVER PARK ASSOCIATION**

### ***8.1 Request for Release of Grant Funding***

It was proposed by the Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor C J Viner, seconded by Councillor Mrs L E Hammond and

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to approve the release of the £10,000 earmarked funds to Castlefields Canal and River Park Association, and the conditions attached as per the Town Clerk's letter of 17 May 2005.

### ***8.2 Minutes of Meetings***

The Minutes of the meetings held on 17 February 2005, 17 March 2005 and 21 April 2005 were noted.

## **09/05 CINEMOBILE UPDATE**

The Community Development Officer's report, which is attached to and forms part of these Minutes, was discussed by members and the following points were raised:

- This project has not moved forward in two years and there is no sign of this changing, therefore, the money should not be ring fenced any longer and funds should be withdrawn from this venture.
- At the projects conception there was enthusiasm as this was a very good idea, however, it seems to be going nowhere and funds should be withdrawn.
- This was disappointing as local facilities are so important, especially for the young.
- Dorset Film Touring are appealing against the decision from the Arts Council England of withdrawing their grant of £398,000. Time should be given to see the outcome of this appeal before any decision is made on the withdrawal of the £10,000 from this project.
- This decision could be deferred until the next meeting of this Committee in September, by which time more information should be available.
- The Football Social Club could set up a few film showings to give an indication of the level of interest.

It was proposed by the Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor C J Viner, seconded by Councillor R J Stigwood and

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to defer this item to the next Amenities Meeting when an update on the appeal should be available.

The Community Development Officer should write explaining that an update on the Cinemobile will be required for the next Amenities meeting in September, and give a date to reply by, making it clear that failure to respond will result in the £10,000 earmarked funding being withdrawn.

## **10/05 BEVERSBROOK SPORTS FACILITIES PROJECT**

The Town Clerk's report, which is attached to and forms part of these Minutes, was discussed by members and the following resolutions were made:

It was proposed by Councillor L F Jones, seconded by Councillor Mrs C O'Gorman and

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to approve the contract letter from PMP Consultants for the work required for the detailed planning permission.

Members discussed the Multi Use Games Area and made the following comments:

- Sport England were not giving funding directly for hockey pitches, football pitches etc.
- It may be wise to wait to hear the outcome of the Community Investment Fund.
- A delay could result in loosing out on the Community First Bid, immediate action was necessary.
- Hockey playing pitches are needed in Calne, especially all weather pitches.

It was proposed by the Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor C J Viner, seconded by Councillor R J Stigwood and

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to proceed with the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) at Hillcroft and to delegate authority to the Sports Facilities Working Group to approve the fees for this work.

Members discussed the Tennis Court facility at Hillcroft and made the following comments:

- This should be done immediately.
- To postpone this decision to the next meeting in September would result in nothing being done until next year. People had to see that something was being done.
- It was important to liaise with the Tennis Club regarding funding.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs C O'Gorman, seconded by Councillor R J Stigwood and

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to commence work on the Tennis Court facility at Hillcroft immediately, in consultation with the Tennis Club.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs C O'Gorman, seconded by Councillor Mrs E M Bland and

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to make a request to North Wilts District Council to release the £50,000 set aside to assist with professional fees required to move the Beversbrook project forward.

It was agreed that the Sports Facilities Working Group would meet on Tuesday 12 July at 6.15 pm.

### **11/05 EMERGENCY REST CENTRE REVIEW 2005**

It was proposed by the Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor C J Viner, seconded by Councillor R J Stigwood and

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to give approval for the Town Hall to be a designated Emergency Rest Centre.

### **12/05 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

In view of the Confidential Nature of the business to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw.

### **13/05 CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES**

The **Confidential Minutes** of the meeting of the Amenities Committee held on Monday 7 March 2005, having previously been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

The meeting closed at 6.40 pm.