

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held in the Large Hall of the Town Hall, Calne on Monday 30 October 2006

PRESENT: Councillor C J Viner – Town Mayor (Ex-officio)
Councillor P Dolman - Deputy Town Mayor (Ex-officio)
Councillor Mrs M J Baggs (**Chair**)
Councillor D A Bland
Councillor Mrs E M Bland
Councillor Ms C J Bowyer
Councillor P Dolman
Councillor Ms H E Canfer
Councillor R J Stigwood

OFFICERS: Mrs L Roberts – Deputy Town Clerk
Mrs A Cawkwell – Committee Clerk

27/06 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs L E Hammond and Councillor Mrs C O’Gorman.

At 6.02 pm Councillor Ms C J Bowyer joined the meeting.

28/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received.

29/06 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee held on Monday 4 September 2006, having previously been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

30/06 EARMARKED RESERVES

The Earmarked Reserves and Capital Receipt allocations for this Committee were noted.

It was stated that the layout of the Capital Receipt allocations by year was excellent and it was right that any funds not used on a project for some time after allocation should be considered for reallocation to new projects.

At 6.05 pm the Town Mayor, Councillor C J Viner joined the meeting.

31/06 AMENITIES DRAFT BUDGET 2007/2008

As Chair of the Finance Sub-Committee, Councillor Dolman explained that this was the budget prepared by the Sub-Committee at their meeting which included the Chair of this Committee, Councillor Mrs Baggs. He stated that The Grove, cost heading 207, was an estimated budget as the Council has already agreed to look into the possibility of taking over the running of this facility from Wiltshire County Council. A full report would be discussed at the Full Council meeting on 5 February 2007 when a full business plan should be finalised.

It was therefore proposed by Councillor P Dolman, seconded by Councillor R J Stigwood and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the Amenities Draft Budget 2007/2008.

Councillor P Dolman clarified that at the Full Council meeting on 27 November 2006, the precept will be unable to be set due to figures and a full business plan for The Grove being unavailable until January/February 2007.

32/06 EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS FOR BURIAL

The Deputy Town Clerk's report, which is attached to and forms part of these Minutes, was noted.

It was proposed by Councillor P Dolman, seconded by Councillor Ms C J Bowyer and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to reduce the validity of an Exclusive Right for graves at Curzon Street Cemetery from 99 years to 40 years, with the option of renewal for 10 years onwards.

33/06 THE GROVE

The Report of the Town Clerk and Community Development Officer, which is attached to and forms part of these Minutes, was discussed and members were asked to consider possible daytime users of this facility, as this income will be essential for the success of this project.

34/06 BEVERSBROOK SPORTS FACILITY

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

- Councillor Dolman informed members that the recent car boot sale raised £57, and another car boot sale was planned in 3 weeks time. The Chair, Councillor Mrs Baggs, thanked Councillor Dolman for his efforts in raising funds for Beversbrook.
- There was a query as to why only an additional 25K was contributed by North Wilts District Council. However, it was explained that other towns also have a call on the money, and there was the suggestion that they may consider further funding at a later date.

- The Chair stated that there was disappointment at not getting a contribution of 50K from North Wilts District Council, but very grateful for the 25K given towards this project, and if this project is considered again in the future then there is hope to get more funds.
- There was a site meeting with the Football Foundation arranged in November and this sounded positive.

35/06 ANCHOR ROAD PLAY AREA

The installation of new equipment is completed and the pod swing has now been replaced. Re-compense is being made through the insurers and the police have been informed.

36/06 BMX/SKATEPARK – STATION ROAD

Work has begun on the first stage of refurbishment to the bowl. A meeting will be arranged soon with users, Police and Fire Service to discuss the next stage and the consultation process.

It was stated that the youngsters are really positive about this project.

37/06 CASTLEFIELDS CANAL AND RIVER PARK ASSOCIATION

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 September 2006 were noted.

The meeting closed at 6.20 pm.