

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held in the Large Hall of the Town Hall, Calne on Monday 9 January 2006

PRESENT: Councillor C J Viner – Deputy Town Mayor - Ex Officio
Councillor Mrs M J Baggs - **Chair**
Councillor Mrs L E Hammond – **Vice Chair**
Councillor D A Bland
Councillor Mrs E M Bland
Councillor A J Trotman

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor P Dolman

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

35/05 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from The Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs C J Bowyer, Councillor Mrs C O’Gorman, Councillor R J Stigwood and Councillor L F Jones.

36/05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

37/05 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee held on Monday 31 October 2005, having previously been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

At 6.04 pm Councillor C J Viner joined the meeting.

38/05 EARMARKED RESERVES

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

39/05 BEVERSBROOK SPORTS FACILITIES

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:

- A lot of money seems to be put towards this project with little results as the moment.
- This request for additional funding is as a result of good forward planning and is an anticipated sum.
- Now the project has got this far it is inevitable that additional costs like this will arise and as the funding will be taken from the amount earmarked for this facility, it will be possible to claim this back when the bid is approved.
- It was prudent to set up a contingency fund.
- This is a project which everyone wants to see go ahead.

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to

- 1) Note the Minutes of the Sports Facilities Working Group meetings held on 25 October 2005 and 29 November 2005.
- 2) Approve the current overspend of £780 for the consultancy fees for the project and to approve a further £2,220 contingency for any additional consultancy fees that may be required to complete and submit the bid to the Football Foundation.

40/05 ANCHOR ROAD AND BREMHILL VIEW CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS

Members viewed the plans which were on display giving ideas for Anchor Road and Bremhill View Children's Play Areas, together with ideas for the BMX Bowl at Station Road.

The Deputy Town Clerk informed that all the preparation for the Anchor Road and Bremhill View play areas could be done before the end of this financial year, however, work could not start until after April as per the resolution made by the Full Council budget meeting. A bid has been made to the Area 5 Committee for £19,500 for the North End Play Area as it was envisaged that this site will need up to £55,000 worth of play equipment in order to satisfy the increased needs since the housing development.

41/05 BMX BOWL, STATION ROAD

Plans for this site were viewed previously with the play equipment designs.

The Deputy Town Clerk informed that work will start in the spring, and a grant of £15,000 had been successfully awarded from Community First. She suggested that the money earmarked for the mobile skatepark be allocated to the BMX bowl as the installation of fencing, to reduce noise levels, and CCTV cameras would be necessary to fulfil the requirements of the 10 year lease with North Wilts District Council.

It was felt that this was a good idea as the money would be well spent to enhance the BMX bowl for the town.

42/05 MOBILE SKATEPARK

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs E M Bland, seconded by Councillor D A Bland and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to allocate the £11,500 earmarked for the mobile skatepark towards the refurbishment and enhancement of the existing BMX Bowl.

The Chair, Councillor Mrs M J Baggs, congratulated the Deputy Town Clerk on the great amount of work she had put into the projects concerning the Play Areas and BMX Bowl.

43/05 LETTER FROM JOHN BENTLEY SCHOOL

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to write a letter of support for a Floodlit Artificial Training Pitch for the school and to support the proposal for a Sports Partnership Protocol to be written.

44/05 CASTLEFIELDS CANAL AND RIVER PARK ASSOCIATION

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17 November 2005 were noted.

45/05 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

It was

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it was advisable in the public interest that the public and press be excluded and they were instructed to withdraw.

46/05 CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

The **Confidential Minutes** of the meeting of the Amenities Committee held on Monday 31 October 2005, having previously been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

The meeting closed at 6.22 pm.