

Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities and Recreation Committee held in Royse Court on Wednesday 15th March 2017 at 7.00pm.

Present:

Councillor Sandy Lovatt	Chairman
Councillor Robert Hall	Vice Chairman
Councillor Dennis Garrett	
Councillor Vicky Jenkins	
Councillor Jan Morter	
Councillor Lorraine Oates	
Councillor Helen Pighills	

In Attendance:

Mr Stephen Rich	Assistant Town Clerk & Head of Services (Clerk to the meeting)
Mr Timothy Badcock	Cemetery & Works Supervisor

A36. **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Alice Badcock, Mayor of Abingdon-on-Thames and Councillor Mike Badcock (Chairman Finance and General Purposes Committee).

A37. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest raised at the meeting.

A38. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

It was **resolved** the Minutes of the previous meeting on 7th December 2016 be accepted as a correct record.

A39. **Matters Arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda**

Minute A14 – Drainage on Community Land – Awaiting quotation to provide suitable drainage for the Chilton Close entrance to the recreation area.

Minute A30 – A bench manufactured from recycled materials has been ordered to replace the one vandalised in Caldecott Road.

A40 **Financial Report**

The Committee received and considered the report of the Treasurer for the period from 1st April 2016 to 31st January 2017, as circulated with the agenda. The Committee **resolved** to approve the report.

A41 **Cemetery and Works Supervisor's Report**

The Committee received and considered the report of the Cemetery and Works Supervisor as circulated with the agenda. It was **resolved** to accept the report.

A42. **New Cemetery**

Members were informed that there was nothing to report since the last meeting.

A43 **Purchase of New Works Team Vehicle**

It was proposed by Councillor Jan Morter and seconded by Councillor Dennis Garrett and carried unanimously that a **recommendation** be made to the Finance and General Purposes Committee for the purchase of a new vehicle and part-exchanging the Mitsubishi L200 registration OV 61 TVN in line with Council policy for the replacement of vehicles.

A44 **Abingdon In Bloom**

Members considered a request from a resident in Wilsham Road for the installation of floral display barrier baskets along that stretch of the riverside and the possibility of community involvement. The Committee requested further information from officers and, reluctantly agreed not to expand the Abingdon in Bloom scheme this year but to look towards 2018 when all the information was to hand.

A45 **Items for Next Agenda**

Arrange dates for new Committee to view allotments and play areas.

A46 **Publicity**

It was Resolved that a photographer be hired to take photographs of the floral displays in 2017 for the website, local press and other media that may wish to use them.

A47 **Date of next Meeting**

Members would be notified of the date of the next meeting once the new civic calendar had been agreed by Town Council at its next meeting. The Chairman requested that

the proposed date of the next meeting on 31st May be amended to 24th May 2017 due to other commitments. The Committee **recommended** to Council that the date for the May meeting for the Amenities and Recreation Committee be amended to 24th May 2017.

The meeting rose at 7.58pm.

Signed Date

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