

## Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council

### Draft minutes of the meeting of the Amenities and Recreation Committee held in Royse Court on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 7.00pm.

#### **Present:**

Councillor Sandy Lovatt	Chairman
Councillor Robert Hall	Vice Chairman
Councillor Dennis Garrett	
Councillor Vicky Jenkins	
Councillor Helen Pighills	

#### **In Attendance:**

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

#### A23. **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from the Mayor of Abingdon-on-Thames Councillor Alice Badcock, Councillor Mike Badcock, Chairman Finance and General Purposes Committee and Councillors Jan Morter and Lorraine Oates.

#### A24. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest raised at the meeting.

#### A25. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

It was **resolved** the Minutes of the previous meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016 be accepted as a correct record.

#### A26. **Matters Arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda**

Minute A52 – Town Entry Signage – This work had been completed.

Minute A14 – Resurfacing of Spring Road Cemetery Entrance – This work had been completed.

Minute A31 – Drainage of Amenity Land - Waiting for quote to provide suitable drainage for the Chilton Close entrance to the recreation area.

## A27 **Financial Report**

The Committee received and considered the report of the Treasurer for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016, as circulated with the agenda. The Committee **resolved** to approve the report.

The Committee considered the report of the Treasurer issued with the agenda and concerning 2017/18 budget estimates. The Committee approved the estimates presented in the report and felt that in future years funding should be sought from elsewhere to assist with the costs of Christmas Lighting. The Committee resolved to **recommended** through the Finance and General Purposes Committee that an increase of five percent (5%) be applied to cemetery charges for 2016 /17 for budget purposes excluding the Sanctum 2000 charges. The committee also resolved to **recommend** to the Finance and General Purposes Committee that an increase of two percent (2%) be applied to the Allotment rents for 2017 / 2018.

It was resolved that the budget estimates for 2017 /18 be approved by the Amenities and Recreation Committee and **recommended to the Finance and General Purposes Committee** for inclusion in the Council's estimates for 2017/18.

## A28 **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.

## A29. **New Cemetery**

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

## A30 **Street Furniture**

It was **resolved** to replace the bench in Caldecott Road (near the St John Ambulance HQ.) manufactured from recycled products.

## A31 **Bus Shelters**

It was **resolved** to accept the County Council's request to take over the maintenance of two bus stops at the new Morland development on the Drayton Road. Also, to take over the maintenance of the new stop to be installed at Abingdon Court on the Marcham Road.

## A32 **Items for Next Agenda**

There were no items at this stage for the next agenda.

## A33 **Publicity**

No items for publicity were forthcoming.

A34 **Date of next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting will be on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

A35 **Exclusion of the public, including the Press**

The Chairman Cllr Sandy Lovatt moved and it was **resolved**:

That in accordance with section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the public (including the press) be excluded from the meeting because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Items for Discussion:

1. Caldecott Recreation Ground.
2. Bus shelters
3. Play equipment
4. Ock Valley Walk.

The meeting rose at 8.45pm

Signed ..... Date .....