

RECREATION AND PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

23 JUNE 2009

Present: Chairman: Councillor Mrs Evans
The Town Mayor: Councillor Leighton

Councillors: Mrs Burton Callow Gudgeon
 Hopkins Parsons Smith
 A R Taylor Mrs Winchcombe

Officers: Simon Fisher – Deputy Town Clerk
 Heather Bond

Members of the Public: Nil

79. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 26 May 2009 having been circulated to all Members were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

80. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies received.

81. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

82. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

83. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – VENUES INCOME FIGURES

Councillor Parsons asked why the budget has been reduced by 20% for the Corn Exchange for this financial year whilst the Town Hall has been reduced by 8%. The Deputy Town Clerk advised that the figures would be checked and clarified at the next meeting.

The committee received and noted the report.

84. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – VENUES – CUSTOMER SATISFACTION FEEDBACK

The committee received and noted the report.

85. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – VENUES ROOM USAGE REPORT

The Deputy Town Clerk advised that the software provider has been asked to rationalise the reporting procedure so that future report would be more streamlined

Councillor Hopkins asked if a more detailed discussions could take place in the future regarding the potential to increase usage and any patterns in the under usage. The Deputy Town Clerk advised this could be an item for a future forward planning session.

The Deputy Town Clerk also advised that grace and favour was included in the figures however any business conducted in the venues on behalf of the Council were not included.

The committee received and noted the report.

86. REPORT FOR DECISION – HILLWORTH PARK FOOTBALL PITCH

The Deputy Town Clerk was asked what the timescale would be for the HLF application. He advised that it would be submitted on 29 June, notification in December and subject to acceptance, works would be completed by 2011.

It was proposed by Councillor Parsons, seconded by Councillor Gudgeon and agreed

THAT the goal posts and nets are replaced at the football pitch at Hillworth Park.

87. REPORT FOR DECISION – COMMUNITY BUILDING

It was proposed by Councillor Parsons, seconded by Councillor Leighton and UNANIMOUSLY agreed

THAT the committee supports the Allotment Association in holding an event to celebrate the opening of the new community building at Windsor Drive. The committee also agreed that the Allotment Association could have the ongoing use of the facilities provided that they kept them clean.

88. REPORT FOR DECISION – CRAMMER WALL

After much debate it was proposed by Councillor Leighton and seconded by Councillor Hopkins

THAT £4,000 is diverted to the Lock-Up budget and that the remaining £20,000 is ring fenced for the Crammer.

This resolution failed.

More debate then took place. Following which is was proposed by Councillor Mrs Burton, seconded by Councillor Mrs Winchcombe and UNANIMOUSLY agreed

THAT £4,000 is diverted to the Lock-Up budget and that the remaining £20,000 is ring fenced for any future projects.

89. REPORT FOR DECISION – LIGHTING THE PLAY AREA ON THE GREEN

It was proposed by Councillor Hopkins, seconded by Councillor Parsons and agreed

THAT no lighting should be installed at the play area on the Green.

90. REPORT FOR DECISION – GREEN LANE CHANGING FACILITIES

After a long debate it was proposed by Councillor Parsons, seconded by Councillors Mrs Winchcombe and UNAIMOULSY agreed

THAT the disposal of the existing building be arranged and that officers investigate the feasibility and costs of providing a temporary building and that Devizes Football Club are approached to seek help and guidance.

91. REPORT FOR DECISION – THE OLD LOCK UP

The Deputy Town Clerk clarified some points raised by the committee. It was then proposed by Councillor Callow, seconded by Councillor Leighton and UANIMOUSLY agreed

THAT the committee agrees to allow the works to be completed as set out in the agenda.

92. QUESTION TIME

Councillor Hopkins asked if thanks could be passed onto the all staff that help and assisted the Devizes Festival.

CHAIRMAN