

MINUTES

Committee: Amenities Committee
Date and Time: Monday, 20 March 2017 at 7:00pm
Venue: St Martin's Primary School, Younghayes Road EX5 7DT

Present

Cllr Derek Atkinson
Cllr Kim Bloxham (in the Chair)
Cllr Colin Buchan
Cllr Nigel Grimshire
Cllr Louisa Joslin

Also Present

Cllr Ray Bloxham, Chairman of the Finance & Personnel and Planning Committees
Janine Gardner, Town Clerk, Cranbrook Town Council

A/17/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Kevin Blakey.

A/17/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

A/17/12 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting on 6 February 2017 were accepted as a correct record.

A/17/13 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests were made by members of the public to answer questions or give evidence in respect of the business on the agenda.

A/17/14 AMENITIES REPORT

The Committee noted the latest version of the Amenities Report dated 27 February 2017.

A/17/15 GREEN WASTE COLLECTIONS

Cllr Colin Buchan presented his report scoping different possible providers of green waste collections in Cranbrook. The Committee agreed to support in principle a community composter in the absence of a collection service at present and noted that East Devon District Council were currently scoping the roll-out of a sustainable long-term district-wide green waste collection solution.

The Committee further noted that Exeter City Council operated a subscription-based green waste collection service and commented that a household collections would be necessary locally due to the lack of car ownership.

The report further suggested a poster competition to raise awareness of fly-tipping and in light of the recent station artwork competition it was suggested to approach the schools to invite them to identify any suitable project form(s).

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It was further agreed to include information in the next Town Council article for the April *Cranbrook Herald* about East Devon District Council's collection service for household goods and Cllr Nigel Grimshire agreed to circulate details of a new waste-mapping application to the councillors.

The Committee noted the report and Cllr Colin Buchan would report back.

A/17/16 DELIVERY OF PLAY PARKS

The Chairman reported that Cranbrook Town Council representatives had met with East Devon District Council representatives discussing the process for the delivery of play parks.

The Committee established a working group to accompany the delivery process for the installation of the next play park consisting of Cllrs Kim Bloxham, Nigel Grimshire and Louisa Joslin.

The Committee noted that the District Council were in negotiations with their suppliers over the holding of prices and agreed that the working party would keep trying to improve the delivery process of play parks.

A/17/17 PROVISION OF COVERED SPACE IN THE COUNTRY PARK

The Committee considered a report by Cllr Kevin Blakey scoping the installation of permanent covered space in the Country Park in form of an arch of willow plants and suggested as a possible location the picnic benches opposite Oakbeer Orchard.

A cautiously positive response from the Environment Agency had been obtained which advised that there were in principle no objections to modest "water compatible" structures being located in Flood Zones 2/3.

The Committee noted that the landowners' permission would need to be obtained and that there was a risk of vandalism while the structure was establishing. The long-term maintenance arrangements would also need to be confirmed. It was suggested to approach the Country Park Ranger and the Minister for Cranbrook to scope a possible future (volunteering) involvement in the structure's maintenance. It was further suggested to set up a Facebook poll to gauge community support.

It was resolved to proceed with the project with a budget of £500.00, subject to the landowners' permission, community support, pre-planning advice and confirmation of the structure's long-term maintenance.

The meeting closed at 7:32pm.