

MINUTES

Committee: Amenities Committee
Date and Time: Monday, 27 November 2017 at 7:00pm
Venue: Younghayes Centre, 169 Younghayes Road EX5 7DR

Present

Cllr Derek Atkinson
Cllr Les Bayliss
Cllr Kevin Blakey
Cllr Kim Bloxham (in the Chair)
Cllr Colin Buchan

Also Present

Cllr Ray Bloxham, Cranbrook Town Council (for part of the meeting)
Sarah Jenkins, Town Clerk, Cranbrook Town Council

A/17/39 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

A/17/40 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

A/17/41 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting on 7 August 2017 were accepted as a correct record.

A/17/42 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/17/43 AMENITIES REPORT

The Committee noted the latest version of the Amenities Report dated 20 November 2017.

A/17/44 RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

A report from Cllr Colin Buchan had been circulated in advance. Cllr Buchan advised that EDDC would consider collecting waste from the rear of properties rather than the front to address the issue of bins being left out on pavements and causing obstruction.

EDDC would be promoting recycling in Cranbrook and it was agreed that, if possible, Cllr Buchan would accompany EDDC when they visited the town. It was noted that EDDC would also be considering the process for sorting recycling at the kerbside and that a recycling service for garden waste was due to start next summer. Cllr Buchan would follow up these matters and report back to the next meeting of the Committee.

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A/17/45 INSPECTION OF PLAY PARK EQUIPMENT

It was resolved to appoint Cllr Derek Atkinson as lead Councillor to regularly inspect play park equipment and to report any concerns to the Chairman of the Amenities Committee. Cllr Atkinson would provide a written report to each meeting of the Amenities Committee.

It was agreed that Cllr Kevin Blakey would deputise in Cllr Atkinson’s absence.

A/17/46 INSPECTION OF STREET FURNITURE AND BUS SHELTERS

It was resolved to appoint Cllr Colin Buchan to regularly inspect street furniture and bus shelters and to report any concerns to the Chairman of the Amenities Committee. Cllr Buchan would provide a written report to each meeting of the Amenities Committee.

A/17/47 SHARED PEDESTRIAN / CYCLE PROPOSAL

A proposal regarding shared pedestrian / cycle signage and location of signs had been circulated in advance. It was agreed that there is a need to extend the trial and that permission to put up signage had been received from Devon County Council and from the Consortium.

Cllr Ray Bloxham joined the meeting

It was resolved to purchase eight signs (four in each direction) and that Cllr Atkinson would contact Liz Holloway at Devon County Council to request funding. Dependant on the funding available from DCC, it was also agreed to recommend to the Town Council that the balance of the cost be met from the Amenities budget.

A/17/48 BUS SHELTER ADVERTISING

Cllr Blakey reported that a quotation had been received to install advertising on bus shelters with the potential for this to generate income. The acting Town Clerk would research whether other local councils received income from bus shelter advertising.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

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