

MINUTES

Committee: Amenities Committee
Date: Monday, 4 November 2019
Time: 7:00pm
Venue: Younghayes Centre, 169 Younghayes Road EX5 7DR

Present

Cllr Barry Rogers (Chair)
Cllr Les Bayliss
Cllr Kim Bloxham
Cllr Colin Buchan
Cllr Robin Eagle
Cllr Matt Osborn

Also Present

Cllr Steve Prime, Cranbrook Town Council
Cllr Phil Norgate, Cranbrook Town Council
Cllr Kevin Blakey, Cranbrook Town Council
Tracy Simmons, Deputy Clerk, Cranbrook Town Council

A/19/33 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received

A/19/34 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were made.

A/19/35 MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr Matt Osborn, seconded by Cllr Colin Buchan and resolved to accept and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 30 September 2019 as a correct record.

A/19/36 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public in attendance.

A/19/37 URBAN TREE PLANTING DELIVERY TEAM MEETING

The Committee received a verbal report from Cllr Barry Rogers regarding the first meeting of the Urban Tree Planting Delivery Team. At the Amenities Committee meeting 30 September 2019 minute reference A/19/29 the Committee requested reports from the delivery team.

Cllr Barry Rogers remarked that this project is for Urban Tree Planting, with an emphasis on engaging the community. The Committee commented that the Council wants to support the planting of locally sourced trees.

It was confirmed at the delivery team meeting that this project would be at no cost to the Town Council.

Signed

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It was noted that the Country Park Ranger was also a part of the Urban Tree Planting delivery team.

The Committee commented on the wicker archer sculpture that features as a part of the Urban Tree Planting project. It was discussed that the Urban Tree Planting delivery team would need to consider the location of this sculpture further, and that a prominent location would be preferable to the Town Council.

The next meeting is the 6 November and the working group will report back any relevant information to the Amenities Committee.

A/19/38 REPORT ON THE BENCH FOR PHASE 1 COUNTRY PARK

The Committee received a verbal report from Cllr Barry Rogers on the progress of the installation of a bench in the Orchard, Phase 1 of the Country Park.

At the last Amenities Committee meeting 30 September 2019 minute reference A/19/32 the Committee delegated authority to investigate procuring a bench made of recycled materials with a backrest, to be located at the head of the path to the Chairman of the Committee and the Deputy Clerk for which the Council may be able to apply for grant funding.

It was reported that the Devon County Council Locality funding bid was applied for and was successful. The funding had been transferred to the Town Council and the bench had been ordered, delivery would be around two weeks with installation hopefully at the end of the month.

A/19/39 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Due to the sensitive or confidential nature of the following item it was proposed by Cllr Kim Bloxham, seconded by Cllr Matt Osborn and resolved to exclude the press and public from the remainder of the meeting on the basis of Section 1 paragraph 2 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 which stipulates that a council may, by resolution, exclude the public from a meeting (whether during the whole or part of the proceedings) whenever publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons stated in the resolution and arising from the nature of that business or of the proceedings.

A/19/40 ST MARTIN'S PLAY PARK EARTH BANK

The Committee considered the options available to counter the continued erosion of the earth bank in the St Martin's play area.

The Committee discussed fencing off the area but were concerned that fencing had not been successful in other areas. The Committee also discussed using Covermat but were concerned, on the advice of Tony Berger Landscapers, that this may not be successful in this location.

The Committee commented that the earth bank was being used as a slide and therefore the proposal to turn it into a purpose-built piece of play equipment would be preferable. The Committee noted that funding would need to be identified.

Four options were presented to the Committee and option D was preferred; a floor-based climbing structure following the shape of the slope.

The Committee commented that included in all quotes was a willow tunnel connecting the play equipment to the rest of the play park and the removal of this item from the quote, would possibly reduce the costs.

It was proposed by Cllr Matt Osborn, seconded by Cllr Les Baylis and resolved to provide clarity on the options and costings presented, to be reported back to the next Amenities Committee meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm

Signed

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