

# MINUTES

**Committee:** Amenities Committee  
**Date:** Monday, 01 June 2020  
**Time:** 7:16pm  
**Venue:** Zoom

## Present

Cllr Les Bayliss  
Cllr Kim Bloxham  
Cllr Colin Buchan (Chair)  
Cllr Matt Osborn  
Cllr Steve Prime

## Also Present

Cllr Kevin Blakey, Cranbrook Town Council  
Tracy Simmons, Deputy Clerk, Cranbrook Town Council

## A/20/9 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Barry Rogers in response to his disclosable pecuniary interest in both agenda items by virtue of him being an allotment holder.

## A/20/10 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No Declarations of interest were made.

## A/20/11 MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr Matt Osborn, seconded by Cllr Kim Bloxham and resolved to accept and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 20 February 2020 as a correct record.

## A/20/12 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public in attendance.

## A/20/13 CRANNAFORD ALLOTMENTS CONDITIONS OF RENTAL

The Committee considered the report to alter the Crannaford Allotments Conditions of Rental.

It was noted that specific points relating to the Conditions of Rental were not being considered but rather the principle of whether the Amenities Committee was willing to consider a change in the Conditions of Rental and on what basis.

It was suggested that the allotment holders form an Association. Cranbrook Town Council could lease the site to the association at a peppercorn rent and the association would then be able to form their own rental terms.

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The Committee discussed that the Section 106 agreement would not be affected by leasing the site to an Allotment Association, as the land would remain the property of the Town Council and that it would remain an allotment site.

It was proposed by Cllr Kim Bloxham, seconded by Cllr Les Bayliss and **resolved** to ask the allotment holders to form an Allotment Association, by doing that Cranbrook Town Council would lease the site to the Allotment Association at a peppercorn rent and the Allotment Association would be able to form their own rental terms. The Allotment Association would also be responsible for all decisions and the costs associated with the allotment site including water and site maintenance costs. If the allotment holders did not form an Allotment Association then the existing Conditions of Rental would continue to remain.

#### **A/20/14 CRANNAFORD ALLOTMENTS PLOT CULTIVATION**

The Committee considered the report on the Crannaford Allotments regarding a number of plots not being cultivated in accordance with the Conditions of Rental.

The temporary assignment of the lease under exceptional circumstances was discussed by the Committee, it was deemed to be problematic, untenable and probably unnecessary. The idea of a temporary assignment of the lease was therefore dismissed by the Committee.

It was proposed by Cllr Kim Bloxham, seconded by Cllr Matt Osborn and **resolved** that all tenants should be treated in accordance with the Tenancy Agreement and, subject to the period of notice and communication with the holder, uncultivated plots should be re-allocated in accordance with the Tenancy Agreement.

**The meeting closed at 7.32 pm.**

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