

MINUTES

Committee: Amenities Committee
Date: Monday, 4 October 2021
Time: 7:00pm
Venue: Younghayes Centre, 169 Younghayes Road EX5 7DR

Present

Cllr Barry Rogers (Chair)
Cllr Les Bayliss
Cllr Kim Bloxham
Cllr Ray Bloxham
Cllr Colin Buchan

Also Present

Janine Gardner, Town Clerk, Cranbrook Town Council

A/21/58 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

A/21/59 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were made.

A/21/60 MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr Ray Bloxham, seconded by Cllr Colin Buchan and **resolved** to accept and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 16 August 2021 as a correct record.

A/21/61 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public in attendance.

A/21/62 AMENITIES PROGRESS REPORT

The Committee noted the amenities progress report.

A/21/63 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Due to the sensitive or confidential nature of the following item it was proposed by Cllr Ray Bloxham, seconded by Cllr Colin Buchan 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.

Signed:

Date: 15 November 2021

A/21/64 PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL BARBEQUE FACILITIES

The Committee considered the report on the provision of additional barbeque facilities in Phase 3 of the Country Park in Cranbrook.

It was proposed by Cllr Ray Bloxham, seconded by Cllr Colin Buchan and **resolved** to

a) agree in principle to deliver two new barbeques for installation in Phase 3 of the Country Park in Cranbrook.

b) delegate responsibility to the Council's asset delivery working group for the delivery of the barbeque site, to ensure installation is in the correct position which would not interfere with the new play area or trim trail in the Country Park and that the collection of the new bin could occur.

c) apply for Devon County Council's locality budget funding for the full amount of £2,566.96 to purchase the barbeques and signage.

A/21/65 INSTALLATION OF A BENCH IN NORTHWOOD ACRES PLAY AREA

The Committee considered the report regarding the proposed installation of a bench in the Northwood Acres play area.

Committee members commented that public support for the installation might have decreased and it was proposed by Cllr Colin Buchan and seconded by Cllr Barry Rogers to not install a bench inside the fenced area at Northwood acres play area. The motion was not carried.

Other Committee members responded by explaining that a number of residents in the area were in support of the installation of a bench in the play area. It was proposed by Cllr Ray Bloxham, seconded by Cllr Kim Bloxham and **resolved** to install a Moulded Coloured seat from KBS Depot, with installation from Tony Bengel Landscaping for £841.30 plus VAT.

A/21/66 CABLEWAY IN ST MARTIN'S PLAY AREA

The Committee considered the report regarding the cableway in the St Martin's play area.

The Committee noted that in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations, the Chairman of the Council's Finance & Personnel Committee and the Clerk had previously approved repair works to the cableway at a cost of £1,413.35 plus VAT.

It was proposed by Cllr Barry Rogers, seconded by Cllr Ray Bloxham and **resolved** to

a) approve the annual service of the cableway in the St Martin's play area.

b) recommend to Council to approve an annual service of the cableway in the St Martin's play area as part of the Council's annual budget.

c) award the first annual service to Eibe who would conduct a thorough inspection at no additional cost and to instruct subsequent annual services at a later date.

d) obtain the manufacturers' recommendations relating to the servicing and maintenance of all the pieces of play equipment across all the play areas in Cranbrook.

The meeting closed at 7:39pm.

Signed:

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