

LEISURE COMMITTEE

02 June 2015

Present: Councillors Beck, Briggs, Campbell, Draper, Edwards, Jones, McIntyre, Morris, Nicholson, Swift, Upson & Westmorland.

Apologies: Councillor Riley.

No members of the public were in attendance.

30 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Upson proposed Councillor Jones for the position of Chairman of this committee. This was seconded by Councillor Draper.

RESOLVED: That by a unanimous vote Councillor Jones was appointed Chairman of this committee for the ensuing year.

31 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Councillor Draper proposed Councillor Westmorland for the position of Vice Chairman of this committee. This was seconded by Councillor Upson.

RESOLVED: That by a unanimous vote Councillor Westmorland was appointed Vice Chairman of this committee for the ensuing year.

32 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors should disclose pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest/s in any item/s on this agenda.

The Chairman read out the following statement. Members are referred to, and shall observe, the provisions of the Hemsworth Town Council's Code of Conduct. If a Councillor has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest he/she must, unless a dispensation has been granted, withdraw from the meeting room and take no part in the discussion or vote. If any interest (Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary) has not been entered in the Town Council's register then you must disclose it at the meeting and inform the Monitoring Officer within 28 days of the date of initial disclosure. Failure to abide by the provisions of the Code in regard to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests now amounts to a criminal offence.

No disclosures were made.

33 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th April 2015, as detailed in Minute Book No. 7 (2014/2015) pages 246 – 255 and as adopted by the Town Council on 19th May 2015, be received and approved

34 WATER PARK - INCOME REPORTS

Members discussed the information relating to the income received from the Water Park for April & May 2015 as compared to the previous year – Pages 14 – 17 of these minutes.

It was agreed that the information be noted.

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35 COMMUNITY CENTRE – INCOME REPORTS

Members discussed the information relating to the income received from the Community Centre for April & May 2015 as compared to the previous year – Pages 18 – 19 of these minutes.

It was agreed that the information be noted.

36 LAKESIDE CAFÉ & SOFT PLAY AREA – INCOME REPORT

Members discussed the information relating to the income received from the Lakeside Café and Soft Play area for April & May 2015 as compared to the previous year – Pages 20 – 21 of these minutes.

It was agreed that the information be noted.

37 HEMSWORTH WATER PARK

The Town Clerk reported on the following:

a. Vandalism at Hemsworth Water Park – update

The Town Clerk informed members that one incident had occurred in May 2015 (life ring damaged) and this item had been replaced.

It was agreed that the information be noted.

38 SERVICE PROVISION - COMMUNITY CENTRE & HEMSWORTH WATER PARK

The Town Clerk reported on the following:

a. Overview and update on each service

The Clerk provided details of events that had been held at each location and Members wished their thanks to be passed on to the Development, Events & Office Administration Officer for her work in organising and making the events successful.

The Clerk gave details of problems being experienced with the miniature train and the repairs required. The Clerk informed members that a quotation had been received by the Leisure Service & Site Manager for a replacement train (petrol).

The Clerk informed members that she had a couple of items to raise that involved staffing.

It was agreed that the information be noted and the staffing matters be reported at the end of the meeting.

It was further agreed that due to the cost implications re; replacement train and the future plans that this matter be left in abeyance.

b. Westfield Centre Food Bank

The Clerk gave details of a request received for the Town Council to hold a box at the Centre for members of the public who support the food bank to put in donations of food.

It was agreed that this request be granted.

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39 LAKESIDE CAFÉ AND SOFT PLAY AREA

The Town Clerk reported on the following:

a. Food Stock – April 2015

Members discussed the stock report that had been circulated with the agenda - page 22 of these minutes.

It was agreed that the information be noted.

b. Working Party

Members discussed the notes of the Working Party which had been circulated with the agenda which detailed improvements and changes to the new menu, changes to the opening times, customer service standards, promotion of services and ticket audits. Councillor Jones provided additional information on each of these matters.

Members went on to discuss a system to be implemented for local people (Hemsworth Township) who were not aware of the pass policy of this Town Council and therefore having been charged for car parking could bring along ID to the offices with the car parking receipt which would be exchanged for a pass FOC.

Members discussed promotional literature (leaflets) showing all services provided by the Town Council and the possibility of having these leaflets distributed to libraries within the district.

It was agreed that the details provided be noted and that the implementation of each of the areas discussed be approved.

It was further agreed that the Working Party continues to meet and look at improvements to the services, ensures that the staff have implemented the new procedures and monitors the changes.

c. Overview and update

The Clerk gave a brief overview and informed members that she had a couple of items to raise that involved staffing.

It was agreed that the information be noted and the staffing matters be reported at the end of the meeting.

40 CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk reported on the following:

a. Youth Project – Refer to Minute No. 276 (Policy Committee – 27/01/15)

The Clerk gave details of a further letter received and Councillor Upson updated members on the meeting he had.

Members discussed issues surrounding the provision of a skateboard park in Hemsworth and the plans the District Council has relating to the skate parks at Minsthorpe & South Hiendley.

It was agreed that Councillors Jones & Upson should arrange another meeting to continue with discussions on youth project work, however due to the information relating to the provision of two other skate parks near to Hemsworth then the Town Council would need to see proof of demand if consideration was to be given for such a high costing project within the township.

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41 EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That in view of the confidential nature of business to be transacted, it is advisable, in the public interest, that the public and press be excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

42 STAFFING MATTERS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SERVICE PROVISION

The Town Clerk provided information relating to contractual and operational matters.

It was agreed that the details provided by the Clerk and the action taken be noted and approved and the Clerk continues to deal with the matters as per procedures and reports back to the Finance Committee.

Meeting closed @ 8.00 p.m.

Tina Pattison
Town Clerk
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