

**RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
**09 June 2015**

**Present:** Councillors Beck, Nicholson, Swift, Upson & Westmorland.

**Apologies:** Councillor Briggs, Campbell, Draper, Jones, McIntyre & Wootton.

**No members of the public were in attendance.**

**43 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

Councillor Upson proposed Councillor Swift for the position of Chairman of this committee. This was seconded by Councillor Nicholson.

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

**44 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

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

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

**45 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.**

**46 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> April 2015, as detailed in Minute Book No. 7 (2014/2015) pages 256 - 261 and as adopted by the Town Council on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015, be received and approved.

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**47 FOOTBALL FACILITY – INCOME REPORTS**

Members discussed the information that had been circulated with the agenda relating to the income received from the Football Facility for April & May 2015 as compared to the previous year – pages 26 - 27 of these minutes.

**It was agreed** that the information be noted.

**48 HEMSWORTH MARKET – INCOME REPORT**

Members discussed the information that had been circulated with the agenda relating to the income received from the Market for April & May 2015 as compared to the previous year – pages 28 - 29 of these minutes. Councillor Westmorland raised issues relating to the rent paid by one remaining stall holder and asked if anything could be done to help keep this stallholder. Members discussed the future plans for the market and initiatives to increase the number of stall holders if the market relocates to the precinct area.

**It was agreed** that the information be noted and agreement of initiatives re; rental payments be introduced if the market relocates.

**49 FOOTBALL FACILITIES, HEMSWORTH MARKET, ALLOTMENTS & GARDEN SCHEME**

The Town Clerk gave an overview and update on each service and provided details relating to the stock reports for the football facilities. Details of work being undertaken on the planned maintenance scheme were also highlighted.

The Clerk informed members that following a meeting Councillor Upson had attended with Hemsworth United J.F.C. then a letter had been received expressing an interest in using the football pitches at Cemetery Road for their junior teams.

**It was agreed** that the details provided by the Clerk on the services and stock reports be noted. **It was further agreed** that the Clerk acknowledges the letter from Hemsworth United J.F.C. and informs them that the proposed changes to provide additional football pitches at Cemetery Road for junior teams would not be ready for the 2015/16 season however the Town Council had noted their expression of interest and would contact them once a timescale had been agreed for the improvement project to commence.

**50 ALLOTMENTS**

The Town Clerk reported on the following:

a. Allotment Representative Meeting – notes of the meeting held 30 April 2015

**It was agreed** that the notes that had been circulated with the agenda be noted.

b. Springfield – request for an additional tap

**It was agreed** that a site visit be arranged to deal with this request.

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**50 ALLOTMENTS - continued**

c. Cemetery Road Allotments

**It was agreed** that the actions taken by the Chairman of the Town Council in relation to this matter be endorsed.

**51 BRASS BAND CONCERT**

Members discussed the Development, Events and Office Administration Officers report, which had been circulated with the agenda.

**It was agreed that** the report be noted and the recommendation be approved.

**52 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.

**53 FOOTBALL FACILITIES, HEMSWORTH MARKET, ALLOTMENTS & GARDEN SCHEME - continued**

The Clerk gave details of the recommendation to staffing the facilities at Sandygate and to reduce the hours of opening put forward by the Leisure Service & Site Manager.

Members discussed the implications of reducing service provision and the use of seasonal staff at this facility.

**It was agreed** that the provision of service which includes maintenance work provided by Service Team A and the operational hours currently in place are working satisfactorily and therefore the recommendation is rejected.

**54 HEMSWORTH MARKET**

Further to Minute No. 364 the Town Clerk provided an update received from WMDC which detailed agreement to support the relocation of the market, provision of stalls and legal costs.

**It was agreed** that the information be noted and a further meeting takes place to move these matters forward.

**Meeting closed @ 8.10 p.m.**

Tina Pattison  
Town Clerk  
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