

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARKS &
CEMETERY COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL

ON MONDAY 11TH JULY 2016

PRESENT: COUN M A CARTWRIGHT (CHAIR)

Mesdames: K Liddell, L M Wood, K Hawley, S Simpson &
V Watson

Messrs: W M Jeffrey, L Cook, C J Metcalfe & A Watson

MEMBERS WERE REMINDED OF THE NEED TO DISCLOSE ANY INTEREST, PREJUDICIAL OR PERSONAL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT.

16. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been submitted and accepted from Councillors S Miles, (ill), S McDonnell, (on holiday), C J Robbins, (hospital appointments), G Cowie, (ill), J I Measor, (ill) D Sillito, (other commitments) and H Bennett MBE.

RECOMMENDED the Council approve the reason submitted for absence received from the Councillors listed, on the grounds given above, and their apologies for absence be recorded.

17. WHIP GROUP – PARK LIFE

The Chair welcomed Chris, Nikita, Rhianna and Craig representing the WHIP Group, (We Have Independent People).

They explained they had 14 members, had supported 3 Fun Days in Woodhouse Park delivering Skate/Jam events and they had volunteered to deliver multi sports in the park. They had five members completed First Aid qualifications. Two members had completed Level 2 in

Essentials of Working with Young People qualification. Over 500 individuals had participated in WHIP events and they had designed and created a graffiti art project at Woodhouse Skate Park.

With the youth session they were providing positive activities for young people in the community, 122 young people have benefited from the youth project with activities, arts and crafts, music, fundraising, educational activities, residential, cooking, off site activities, with fun educational information and advice, support, relax, socialise and ownership. They detailed the match funding that had been obtained, £2,800 from O2 Think Bigger for resources and equipment; £1,000 from Keyfund for residential, paintballing and ice skating (32 young people benefited); £500 for Peterlee Town Council for graffiti project and £180 AAP Holiday Hunger 167 healthy meals prepared. They outlined their future aims to become a constituted group so they could be sustainable, give back to the local area, work with Peterlee Town Council and councillors to try and improve the Park, creating volunteering opportunities and awards to recognise their achievements.

The Chair opened the meeting for a question and answer session. The Chair thanked the group for their informative and interesting presentation and for their help and support with Woodhouse Park.

RECOMMENDED the information given be noted.

18. THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were accepted.

19. CRICKET – FENCING & LEASE

Mr Simpson was in attendance at the meeting and reported that the wicket cover had been damaged at the weekend. Councillor Watson commented that the sooner the fence was in place, the better. The Horticultural Supervisor explained he needed clarification on the height, type, where gates were required etc of the fence to be erected before he could obtain a price and he suggested a Working Party be established to take the project forward. Members were frustrated that it appeared no progress had been made with this project; Officers assured that works had been started, however direction was needed.

Reference was made to the previous recommendation as follows:-

community consultation with Pavilion users (local tax payers) be carried out to establish what would be of more benefit to them; facility improvements or a fence around the cricket pitch. The consultation be extended to include every resident of the Town and a price be obtained for an organization to carry out such a piece of work on the Town Council's behalf.

Several members felt that in applying for planning permission this was a process of consultation that could be used for the scheme and was sufficient for the Council's needs; this was taken to the vote and agreed it was not.

RECOMMENDED:-

- (i) prices be sought for the fencing around the cricket pitch perimeter as discussed as a matter of urgency;**
- (ii) the preferred method of consultation be considered further at the Council Meeting the following week;**
- (iii) Officers look into a new lease for each of the main sports users at the Helford Road site to secure the playing of their sports at the site for the next 25 years.**

20. PITCH ALLOCATIONS

There was considerable discussion on the allocation of sports pitches and the Sports Development Officer was in attendance at the meeting to provide information for Members as there was now a problem with the provision of pitches for Peterlee Pumas with the agreement of shared use of Pitch 2 at Helford Road being changed recently.

RECOMMENDED Pitch 2 be used for football only this season, this pitch then revert back to Rugby at the end of the season to start May 2017 (shared pitch), and also the rugby posts be re located from Eden Lane to Helford Road.

21. SURPLUS PLANTS

This item had been referred from Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 4th July 2016. The Horticultural Supervisor explained he did calculations for the bedding plants one year in advance and the numbers were either 10% over or 15% under and worked on having spare to cover for any vandalism, theft of plants etc. This year he reported he had around 700-800 plants extra.

RECOMMENDED the information given, be noted.

22. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC
IN VIEW OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED, THE COMMITTEE PASSED THE FORMAL RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC FROM THE MEETING, PURSUANT TO THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSIONS TO MEETINGS) ACT, 1960 & THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985.

The remainder of the items as listed below could to be considered as the meeting had now gone past the agreed finish time of 9.00pm. It was agreed where items were urgent they be considered at the Council meeting on Monday 18 July 2016; other items be re considered at the next Parks & Cemetery Meeting.

(I) HORDEN RUGBY CLUB, EDEN LANE – PROGRESS REPORT

- (a) Update from HRFC
- (b) Request for the Town Council to fund outside shutters
- (c) Request to fence the rear pitch
- (d) Advertising Opportunity at the Eden Lane Ground

(II) PETERLEE TOWN BOWLING CLUB

(III) MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT OF THE HORTICULTURAL SUPERVISOR

The remainder of the report covering the following items:-

- (a) Durham County Council Service Level Agreement
- (b) Grass cutting Regime
- (c) Yoden Village Quarry
- (d) Tarmac Works (Shotton Hall & Eden Lane Cemetery)
- (e) Play Areas
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(IV) ICE CREAM TRAILER – WOODHOUSE PARK

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