

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARKS &
CEMETERY COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL

ON MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2017 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT: COUN M A CARTWRIGHT (CHAIR)

Mesdames: K Liddell, K Hawley & S Simpson

Messrs: G L Carne, C Watkins, S Miles, W M Jeffrey,
C Robbins, L Cook & A Watson

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

60. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been submitted and accepted from Councillors L M Wood, S McDonnell, J Alvey, C J Metcalfe, G Cowie, H Bennett MBE & D Sillito.

RECOMMENDED the Council approve the reasons submitted for absence received from Councillors, and their apologies for absence be recorded.

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

Matters Arising

Minute Number 58 – Provision of Salt Bins

At the Council Meeting held on 23 January 2017, it was RESOLVED the minute be amended to include reference to a Local Member suggesting that in future the Member's Initiative Fund or s137 grant could be used to finance a request for a grit bin. It was noted that the bin had now been put in place and filled at Eastfield.

As agreed at the last meeting of this Committee a list of the grit bins in place both PTC and DCC bins was circulated for information.

RECOMMENDED the information given be noted.

62. PROCUREMENT OF STEEL HINGED RUGBY POSTS (11m)

Members gave consideration of the report of the Horticultural Supervisor in relation to the replacement of rugby posts on pitch 2 at Helford Road, a copy of which had been previously circulated.

RECOMMENDED to approve the award of the contract for a set of 11m high rugby posts for Pitch 2, Helford Road, at a cost of £975.00 plus vat from UKGS Ltd.

63. SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Councillor Carne reported he had been at a recent meeting where constituents had asked why there were no organised activities for young people held at Lowhills Road during the summer holidays. It had been asked why were the activities held at Woodhouse Park only. Several Members felt that Woodhouse Park was a central location and accessible to all of the residents in the Town. Members also felt that the Council should support health & wellbeing across all wards. The Town Clerk said he would be interested to hear what local residents wanted and this may not just be the Council organising events and activities, but the Council giving local groups permission to use our land and the Town Council financially supporting an activity arranged by a group. He also encouraged Members to take proposals from residents and groups and consider how they could be best actioned.

RECOMMENDED that Officers prepare a report on the feasibility of 3 additional summer events, with venues and costs, for consideration at a future meeting. FURTHER RECOMMENDED Councillor Carne and other Members speak to residents about what they wished to do in respect of summer events and feedback to Officers/a future meeting.

64. DRAFT LEISURE GARDENS POLICY

The Town Clerk gave a presentation to the meeting on the key principles for the draft Peterlee Leisure Gardens Policy. During the presentation Members gave feedback and comment on issues that they felt were important to be addressed in developing a policy for the operation of the Leisure Gardens. Following this meeting the Town Clerk intended meeting with representatives from both garden sites to seek their views and he would then produce a draft policy to be considered at the next meeting.

RECOMMENDED the draft Leisure Gardens Policy, be awaited.