

COWES TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the TOWN IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE held in the Cowes Town Council Offices, Denmark Road, Cowes Wednesday 2nd February 2011 at 6.33pm.

Present: Councillor McGregor (Chair)
Councillors Banks, Birch, Peacey-Wilcox, Matthews, Wells and Wilcox

291 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Mrs Martin-Dye and Cllr Thwaites

292 MINUTES

RECOMMENDED

That the minutes of the Meeting held on 18th January 2011 be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

293 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM COUNCILLORS.

None were made.

It was noted that planning permission has been granted for The Cut and the Isle of Wight Council have agreed to Mrs Effemy putting a plaque on a bench outside her house and funding bench for Egypt Light.

294 THE BASKETBALL COURT

a) Up date on funding applications.

An Awards for All application is to be submitted using a quote for fencing of £24,000 and any funds received will be earmarked for fencing only.

The assistant Town Clerk reported that she has submitted a bid to Tesco's for £4, 000 but was concerned over the lack of clarity given by Tesco's over who could apply.

Cllr McGregor reported that she has been made aware of a potential funding stream of £5, 000 through the Police.

b) Update on basketball lease with IWC

Walter Gray (solicitors) have been approached to act for the Town Council in the matter of the lease. Once a copy has been received from the IW Council then an estimate of the cost of this legal work will be made available.

6.41 Cllrs Peacey-Wilcox and Wilcox joined the meeting.

295 ADVENTURE PLAY AREA

a) Update on re-turfing

Following a site visit with Hillcroft turf to examine the extent of re-turfing needed the contractor hopes that the cost will be similar to that quoted for last year.

It was noted that the playbuilder agreement has not been received from Andrew McIntyre at the IW Council. Assistant Town Clerk is to follow-up on this.

RESOLVED

To wait until after the school half term before commencing with re-turfing works.

296 FRANCKI PLACE

a) Update on dead tree

Cllr Jones has contacted the Assistant Town Clerk to confirm that the tree is indeed dead. The Assistant Town Clerk has contacted 4D Delivery to report the dead tree and ask about their insurance in cases such as this. 4D are yet to respond to this request for information.

The Assistant Town Clerk was asked to keep this item on the agenda for future meetings.

297 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES AT NORTHWOOD RECREATION GROUND

a) Information from IW Council

Cllr McGregor has contacted Steve Boswell for details of the costs and methods of transfer of the toilets at Northwood Recreation Ground. The figures are based on the current 6 month open season for April 09 – March 10

No figures were available for the costs of vandalism and general maintenance

No information on rates costs was given but it potentially 0-rated as it serves a public open space. The IW Council are examining this and will issue further guidance.

Water	£475
Electricity	£398
Cleaning costs	£1,028
Total	£1,901

Method of asset transfer is to be dealt with on a case by case basis and could be a lease, licence or community asset transfer.

RESOLVED

- 1) Not to make a decision on running the toilet as there is a lack of clarity over the running costs and method of asset transfer.
- 2) To write to the IW Council expressing concerns regarding the above.

b) Consideration of ways to keep toilets open

Due to a lack of clarity over the information given by IW Council no discussion took place.

Meeting ended 7.14pm