



MINEHEAD TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

held on Tuesday 8 October 2019

at the Council Offices, 3 Summerland Road, Minehead at 7.30pm

The Meeting was digitally recorded

Present: Chair: Cllr A Kingston-James
Councillors: Cllr S Slade (Mayor), Cllr T Bloomfield, Cllr B Mandley,
Cllr M Palmer

Councillors in Attendance: None

Officers in Attendance: None - Minutes were taken by Cllr Slade

Members of the Public and Press: 2 members of the public
1 member of the press

238 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO APPROVE THE REASONS GIVEN [LGA 1972 s 85 \(1\)](#)

Apologies were received from Cllrs Bolton, Harvey, Heard and C Palmer and approved by Councillors.

239 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

[In accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members](#)

To receive and record any Declarations of Interest in respect of any matters included on the Agenda for consideration at this Meeting.

Member	Item	Interest	Time Period	Speak/Vote
Cllr C Palmer	All	SWaT Councillor	2019	Stayed in the room, spoke and voted

(a) **Dispensations**

None.

240 TO ADJOURN THE MEETING FOR PUBLIC INCLUSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER NO. 1C

There were no requests to speak.

241 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE SKATEBOARD HALF PIPE RAMP CONSULTATION

Cllr Mandley reported on the consultation, which had raised a number of questions. It was agreed that the consultation should be repeated with more information, including a plan of where it was proposed the ramp should be sited, and this to be sent to all properties adjoining the Recreation Ground. Cllrs M Palmer and Bloomfield offered to assist with this.

Cllr Mandley proposed that a second public consultation be held, with final date for replies being 25 October 2019. This was seconded by Cllr Bloomfield and agreed.

242 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE FUNFAIR AND DISCUSS PROPOSAL TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL THAT LEIGH DANTER BE REQUESTED TO BRING THE FUNFAIR ANNUALLY TO MINEHEAD, WITH DATES TO BE ARRANGED EACH YEAR

Cllr Bloomfield reported that the Funfair had been a great success, with excellent attendance from both Minehead and beyond, and was good publicity. The Police confirmed that no anti-social behaviour had been reported and Cllr Bloomfield had received numerous letters of appreciation from residents. The Funfair owner had donated to the town, via MTC, and was eager to return annually and for a longer period.

Cllr Bloomfield proposed that this Committee recommend to Full Council that Leigh Danter be requested in writing to bring the Fair annually, to be sited on Minehead Town Council owned land, dates to be arranged each year. This was seconded by Cllr Mandley and agreed.

243 TO DISCUSS A PROPOSAL TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL THAT MINEHEAD TOWN COUNCIL PARTICIPATE IN THE MINEHEAD CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Cllr Bloomfield suggested that MTC take part in the annual Christmas Tree Festival at The Avenue Methodist Church this year. She would be willing to source a tree and organise its decoration and entry into the Festival.

Cllr Bloomfield proposed that this Committee recommend to Full Council that Minehead Town Council participate in this year's Christmas Tree Festival. This was seconded by Cllr Kingston-James and agreed.

244 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2019

Cllr Kingston-James reported on a Meeting of the Advisory Group, where it had been agreed to purchase three Christmas trees: the largest for Wellington Square and two smaller ones for the Old Hospital courtyard and Alcombe - if a suitable site can be identified.

Cllr Harvey had been contacted by Western Power regarding the power supply in The Parade and he was willing to deal with their query.

The lights from Wellington Town Council were being collected but their use this year would depend upon their condition and practicalities.

245 TO DISCUSS THREE REQUESTS FROM RESIDENTS

245.1 *Play Equipment at Cross Farm Park*

A resident had contacted the Council about the poor condition of some of the play equipment in the Park. It was noted that there was a budget provision for play equipment in all amenity areas.

Cllr Bloomfield offered to carry out a Playground Report on all amenity areas (with the assistance of Amenities Team Manager) to report back to this Committee and Council.

Cllr Kingston-James proposed this Committee recommend to Full Council that Cllr Bloomfield, with assistance from Grounds Staff, carries out a Playground Report on the children's play equipment in all amenity areas. This was seconded by Cllr Palmer and agreed.

245.2 *"Remembrance" Bench or Tree*

Cllr Kingston-James had been approached by residents regarding a remembrance tree or bench, possibly to be sited in The Rose Garden. It was suggested that one of the 'conversation' benches recently donated by students of West Somerset College might be suitable for this, together with a tree. More details and information to be sought.

245.3 *Outdoor Table Tennis Table*

An e-mail had been received from a resident stating that they would like to site a permanent concrete outdoor table tennis table at Irnham Road Recreation Ground and they were looking for support, but not funding.

It was agreed that more information was needed and that the member of the public be asked to come to the next Meeting of this Committee to outline his plan.

The Meeting closed at 8.13pm.