



ANDOVER TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of Assets & Amenities Committee

Time and date

7.00pm on Thursday 19 May 2016

Place

Town Council Offices, High Street, Andover

Details of Attendance:

Cllr C Ecclestone (Chairman) (P)

Cllr V Pond (Vice-Chairman) (P)

Cllr K Bird (A)

Cllr A Cotter (A)

Cllr L Gregori (P)

Cllr S Hardstaff (A)

Cllr R Hughes (P)

Cllr J Msonthi (P)

Cllr B Long (A)

Other Councillors Present: None

Officers Present: Wendy Coulter (Town Clerk) (Taking the minutes)

Members of the Public: 1

AA 04/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs K Bird, A Cotter, S Hardstaff and B Long.

AA 05/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interests.

AA 06/16 MINUTES

The Chairman signed as a correct record the minutes of the Assets and Amenities Committee meeting held on 12 May 2016.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Assets and Amenities Committee Meeting held on 12 May 2016 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

AA 07/16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr R Kidd – Andover Resident

Thanked Cllr V Pond for her term as Chairman of the Town Council.

Regarding the sum of money for the Memorial Tree, Queen Elizabeth 11 has served the nation for 64 years and £300 would not be too much to spend on a memorial to her.

Reg Presley plaque, a great tribute to an Andover success story, support the principle of the erection of the plaque.

AA 08/16 MOTIONS

Members considered the following Motion from Cllr C Ecclestone which was seconded by Cllr V Pond:

“Preamble:

The Citizens of Andover have a lasting memorial to Queen Victoria in the High Street. While the memorial plaque has come and gone, there needs to be an enduring memorial of this important milestone in the life of the nation.

Motion:

This Council approves a memorial tree planning to celebrate the 90th Birthday of the Queen with a budget of 300 pounds for a tree to be located in the Andover High Street.

The Town Clerk is instructed to work with HCC Highways Dept and interested local horticultural groups to expedite this planting”.

Members discussed Cllr Ecclestone’s motion, commenting that there were many events taking place in Andover to celebrate the Queen’s 90th Birthday. However, there did not appear to be any plans to provide a lasting memorial.

Members discussed the practicality of planting a tree in the High Street, concerned that the roots of the tree could cause damage to the pavements. It was suggested that a species such as the London Plain Tree would be a suitable tree to plant. However, Members further considered that there would be other difficulties such as drains, mains services and cellars.

Members suggested that the Motion be amended to allow for the tree to be planted elsewhere in Andover, such as Ladies Walk.

Members considered other sites in Andover where it would be suitable to plant a tree and agreed that the area known as Vigo Road Recreation Ground would be a suitable place.

It was further suggested that a request be lodged to change the name of the Park to the Queen Elizabeth 11 Park.

Cllr Ecclestone proposed an amendment to his original Motion:

“This Council approves a memorial tree planting to celebrate the 90th birthday of the Queen with a budget of up to £300 for a tree to be planted in the area currently known as Vigo Road Recreation Ground.

The Town Clerk is instructed to work with Test Valley Borough Council and interested local horticultural groups to expedite this planting”.

The amendment was seconded by Cllr R Hughes.

A vote was taken on the amendment to the Motion, which was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED: That this Council approves a memorial tree planting to celebrate the 90th birthday of the Queen with a budget of up to £300 for a tree to be planted in the area currently known as Vigo Road Recreation Ground.

The Town Clerk is instructed to work with Test Valley Borough Council and interested local horticultural groups to expedite this planting.

Cllr C Ecclestone then proposed a second motion:

“This Council moves that the open space currently known as the Vigo Road Recreation Ground b re-named Queen Elizabeth 11 Park as a token of thanks for Her Majesties lengthy service to the Nation and Commonwealth”.

The motion was seconded by Cllr V Pond.

A vote was taken on the second motion, which was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED: That this Council moves that the open space currently known as the Vigo Road Recreation Ground b re-named Queen Elizabeth 11 Park as a token of thanks for Her Majesties lengthy service to the Nation and Commonwealth.

AA 09/16

REG PRESLEY PLAQUE

Members were asked to consider releasing funds for the event to celebrate the unveiling of the Reg Presley memorial plaque.

Members noted a report submitted detailing the expected costs of the event. Members considered that as there was no direct Budget for the event, the request would need to be submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee for further consideration.

AA 10/16

STATE OF THE ART FILLING STATION

Members considered a proposal from Cllr Pond for a State of the Art Filling Station for Andover.

Members noted the correspondence in the Report and asked Cllr Pond to investigate further and to bring a report back to a future meeting of the Committee.

AA 11/16

MARKETS

Members discussed the current Markets in Andover, who was responsible for them, timings and footfall. Members considered whether the Town Council could offer to do the litter collection at the end of the markets.

Members noted that a report had not been received from the Markets Working Group on their findings, it was suggested that the Working Group be asked to present a full report before any decisions were made.

There were concern that the Working Group might need assistance with obtaining information about various contracts. It was suggested that the Town Clerk be given the authority to act on behalf of the Town Council to contact Hampshire County Council to establish exactly what the commercial agreements contained.

This was proposed by Cllr Ecclestone and seconded by Cllr Hughes

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk be given delegated authority to contact Hampshire County Council to establish exactly what the commercial contracts for the markets contain.

AA 12/16

COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BID

Members noted that 20 applications for Community Right to Bid had been completed. Land searches for each were being carried out. Once they had been completed they would be given to the Town Clerk to submit to Test Valley Borough Council for consideration.

It was agreed that the Chairman would speak with Cllr Hardstaff on how best to progress the Land Searches.

There was a suggestion that the Town Council should look to obtain some of the Community Halls in Andover.

It was agreed that this would require further investigation with associated costs before recommendation to full Council.

AA 13/16

ASSETS AND AMENITIES WORKING GROUPS

The Town Clerk confirmed the Working Groups associated with the Assets & Amenities Committee: Assets & Acquisitions, Community Right to Bid, Hospitality, Bus Shelters, Market Management, Defibrillator, Speedwatch and Christmas Lights.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk would write to all the Working Groups requesting them to submit a written update report to the next Committee meeting and subsequent Committee meetings.

It was also agreed that the Terms of Reference for each Working Group required clarification.

Members also discussed the Bus Shelters. It was agreed that a full report on the Bus Shelters should be presented to the Committee in July.

AA 14/16

COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

Members considered the Committee Work Programme and agreed that it would be reviewed as the Committee considered further projects.

Members agreed that the Reports from Working Groups would remain on the Work Programme.

AA 15/16

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members noted that the date of the next meeting was Thursday 7 July 2016, at 7pm, to be held in the Town Council Offices.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

Chairman

Date