

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF AMENITIES COMMITTEE OF BOURNE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 1st October 2019, 7:00PM AT SK COMMUNITY POINT, 3 ABBEY ROAD BOURNE, PE10 9EF

(Recorded by Town Clerk)

1 Member of the Public

Present	Chairman	C Pattison			
	Councillors	H Crawford	B Johnson	A Kelly	J Kingman
		P Knowles	D Mapp	R McKinney	B Russell
		R Reid	P Fellows		

1653A To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson, seconded by Cllr H Crawford, and unanimously.

RESOLVED: to receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence from Cllr's M Overland, J Reid, and J Smith

1654A To receive declarations of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011

None Received

1655A To consider requests for Dispensation

None Received

1656A To ask if members of the public, resident or employed within the Parish, had any intention to speak under any Agenda Item of this meeting (this will be to a maximum of 3 minutes)

The member of the public present wished to speak on agenda item 17. This item was moved up the Agenda.

1657A To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 6th August 2019 as a true record and to resolve for the Chairman to sign them.

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson, seconded by Cllr D Mapp, and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 6th August 2019 as a true record and to resolve for the Chairman to sign them

1658A To receive reports, if any, by District/County Councillors or Representatives on other organisations

Cllr P Fellows – Elsea Park – Informed members that ground had been broken on the new all-weather football pitch being developed at Elsea Park.

Cllr H Crawford – SKDC – Informed members that the Bourne Leisure Centre would be refurbished by 2022 with the cost of this not yet known.

Cllr B Johnson – Dimension Skatepark – The Committee are still seeking additional funding. There is a current problem that they have not planned for any benches and there are no toilet facilities. There is a possibility that the committee will cut out part of the build to reduce costs.

Cllr B Johnson – LALC – AGM 15th October 2019

Cllr R Reid -SKDC – Currently SKDC are in the process of putting together a lease on the South Street Toilet Block for £1. SKDC have decided that there is no other purpose for the property. Members were concerned that at this point the Council were not in a position to make a commitment to the toilet block.

Cllr B Russell – Environment Agency – Currently conducting work on the sluice gate at Cherry Holt Road.

1659A To answer questions from Councillors

None Received.

1660A To receive a report on the towns allotments and Cemetery

The Chair gave a report on the allotments – quite on site at the moment as all tenants are Clearing down ready for the ensuing winter months.

The Chair continued that he had inspected the Cemetery and that all was clean and tidy. Cllr Pattison continued that it had been a busy time at the cemetery with 9 Interments in The space of three weeks.

1661A To receive a financial report for the period to 31st August 2019.

The Clerk presented his report to the members.

Proposed by Cllr D Mapp, seconded by Cllr J Kingman, and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To receive the financial report for the period to 31st August 2019

1662A To receive a report on the 'In Bloom' presentation

The Chair informed members that the presentation had taken place at the Winding Wheel Theatre in Chesterfield. The proceedings were lengthy but saw the Town Awarded a 'Silver Gilt'. The Town received more points than previous years but still 20 away from a coveted Gold.

The Chair wished to thank the Council for their continued support in allowing the Participation in the competition.

The Chair noted that there was a special award for Mr Bill Pauley.

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr P Knowles, and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To receive the above report

1663A To receive a report on the 'Cemetery of the Year' presentation

Cllr Pattison informed members that both the clerk and himself had attended the CYA at Kenilworth.

It was an excellent occasion with the Town Cemetery being awarded Gold in the Town, Parishes and Community category.

Cllr Pattison continued that this had been the result of years of hard work coming to Fruition.

Cllr Anna Kelly suggested that the Town Council should write to all staff members Congratulating them on their hard work.

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr B Russell, and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To receive the above report

1664A To receive a report on the ongoing works at the Town Cemetery

The clerk reported to members that the works to the bungalow were coming to a Conclusion and the new tenants were moving in on 2nd October 2019.

The Clerk was currently compiling a draft financial statement to show the total cost of the refurbishment but he expected this to be no more than the budgeted figure of £46,000.00.

1665A To discuss/consider possible feature changes to the Corn Exchange Hall

This item was requested by Cllr R Reid.

After general discussion the following points were made:

- In relation to the entrance on Abbey Road it is anticipated that the brickwork will be repointed and the doors refurbished.
- The Bar Furniture is uncomfortable to sit on for any length of time.
- It would be better suited if the Registrar's office was relocated to another area.
- There should be an upgrade to the current entrance fascia and a deep clean of the front exterior.
- Cllr Fellows expressed that as far as he was concerned we were the wrong group of people to make these decisions. In his opinion it should be left to the facilities users.
- Sound System needs updating.
- Lack of air conditioning is a problem.
- Back area needs soundproofing
- The cost of using the CE Hall for obtaining a marriage licence is too expensive
- The stage does not work

Cllr Reid informed members that the District Council were meeting soon (18th October) Budget discussions and that any formal suggestions needed to be formulated by that Point.

It was decided that a separate meeting would be necessary to form any conclusions on This matter.

1666A To receive a report from the clerk following a meeting with Ian Yates SKDC

The clerk informed members that he had met with SKDC officer Ian Yates to discuss Issues surrounding BTC new street cleaner.

It was apparent that the agreement to meet 50% of the operatives cost would not be Met this year but could be included in budget discussions for the coming year.

Mr Yates agreed to provide two pieces of kit for the Town Council 1) barrow. 2) walk Behind sweeper.

1667A Planning Remembrance Sunday 2019

Due to time constraints it was decided to add this item to the next available Agenda

1668A Update on essential tree works in the Town

The clerk reported that tree works to be undertaken by SKDC had been completed there was now a further schedule of works about to be commenced.

1669A An update by Cllr P Fellows on '20/20 Vision'

The Senior Pastor from the Baptist Church was in attendance the church being the original Supporter for the initiative.

There was general discussion on the initiative and the following points were raised:

- The church wanted to know how they could best serve the community in what will be a special year
- There is a wish to see groups working together
- The strap line would be '20/20 Vision'
- It would be good to see how some of the older groups in Bourne had progressed through their journey to the year 20/20
- There should be a dedicated website
- It was felt that BTC should lead on this initiative
- A further meeting and feedback to the church should be made

1670A Proposals for work on the large stone planter at the top of Coggles Causeway

Due to time constraints it was decided to add this item to the next available Agenda

1671A Proposals to install a Columbarium at Bourne Town Cemetery

Due to time constraints it was decided to add this item to the next available Agenda

1672A To discuss any information which the Chairman may legally bring to the Council's attention

Due to their being no further items to discuss the chairman brought the meeting to a close at 21:07hrs