

GAINSBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of the COMMUNITY SERVICES Committee held at Richmond House, Morton Terrace, Gainsborough on Tuesday 12 April 2016 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillor Keith Panter (Chairman)
Councillor Caroline Davies
Councillor Clio-Perraton Williams
Councillor Liz Clews (arrived at 7.15pm)

In Attendance:

Matthew Gleadell Clerk to the Council

Also Present: Councillor Tim Davies
Alice Carter (Lincolnshire Sport)
Pete Gray (Marshalls Football Club)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND REASONS GIVEN

Councillor Michael Hopper

RESOLVED to accept the apology received and reason given.

2. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCALISM ACT 2011 AND TO RECEIVE ANY APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None received.

3. MINUTES (Paper A)

i. Minutes of the meeting of Community Services Committee held on Tuesday 8 March 2016.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Community Services Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 9 February 2016 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Note : A member proposed varying the order of business to take items 7 and 8 next in order to allow Alice Carter from Lincolnshire Sport and Pete Gray to talk in relation to relevant agenda items.

RESOLVED to change the order of business in accordance with Standing Order 14(d).

7. COMMUNITY GRANTS

Members received a presentation from Alice Carter of Lincolnshire Sport who explained the work she is doing and how the grant applied for would benefit local sport at Gainsborough College. Members asked Alice a number of questions on conclusion of her application.

Alice left the meeting before members discussed the application.

RESOLVED to award the grant subject to the Council retaining the funds and all costs associated with the grant invoiced directly to the Council.

Members also considered an application from Scotter Football Club for assistance with coach development costs in the sum of £70.00.

Whilst members recognised the numbers of Gainsborough children attending the club are small the grant requested is also small and proportionate to the numbers of Gainsborough children that will benefit.

RESOLVED to award £70.00 to Scotter Football Club as per their grant application.

8. DOGS ON SPORTS GROUNDS

RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders to allow Pete Gray to speak in relation to this agenda item.

Pete Gray is representative of Marshalls Sport Club addressed the Committee with regard to concerns rising from increased amounts of dog faeces that is appearing all over Marshalls playing field and causing problems for the football club in fulfilling their training and fixtures. Pete identified the Health and Safety concerns surrounding the dog faeces as well as the inconvenience for the club members in having to collect it before a match. Pete was of the view the site should be subject to a Policy that does not allow dogs on to the site in order to help combat this problem.

Members were sympathetic to the problem experienced by the football club and whole heartedly agree that the players of sport on the site should not have to deal with dog faeces.

The Clerk advised members that recent efforts to repair a fence on the boundary were being undermined by undesirable characters who are persisting cutting through the fence in order to gain access. The Clerk reported that it is believed that the responsible person is a dog walker.

Members were of the view that they should take appropriate steps to combat this problem.

The Clerk did report that in terms of legal enforcement that dog fouling is now a matter to be dealt with by way of Public Space Protection Order.

RESOLVED as follows:-

1. To **RECOMMEND TO MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE** that the Sites Roses, Marshalls and Levellings be subject to strict No Dogs policy and appropriate signs erected around the sites accordingly.
2. Let the Clerk investigate the logistics involved in securing Public Space Protection Orders on the sites to prevent dogs being on the sites and report back to the meeting with details in due course.
3. To **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** that it gives serious consideration to introducing CCTV on the sites to assist with enforcement of Public Space Protection Orders if achieved as well as general anti social behaviour and offending members of the public who allow their dogs to excrete on the sites without clearing it up.

4. MAYFLOWER 400

The Clerk gave members an update in relation to progress of the national Mayflower 400 project including developments with heritage lottery grants being pursued by Bassetlaw District Council and Lincolnshire County Council in partnership.

The Clerk also referred to the paper that accompanied the agenda and request for funding therein.

Members considered the request for funding from the town partnership and the details of the various events that have been planned to mark illuminate 2016. Members noted that the grant previously awarded but which was not used for last years event is proposed to be used for this year for a light show and theatre work by local schools.

RESOLVED to award £1000 towards the illuminate event in 2016.

5. CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN

Members noted that the event would take place on Saturday 30th April and would involve a clean in the area behind the Leisure Centre and in particular the footpath leading from the subway on Connaught Road to the rear of the Leisure Centre. The event will take place between 10:00 am and 12:00 pm. A member reported that a number of the local cubs will be assisting with the clean up.

6. QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY BEACON LIGHTING

The Clerk reported that West Lindsey District Council had yet to issue consent for the event. The Clerk believed that as Sean Alcock will be dealing with the Health and Safety elements of the Beacon Lighting that members should proceed with the event as there is a risk that if West Lindsey District Council are relied upon to granting permission that it may not come through in time. A member reported that they have a bugler and other attendees to support the event. The event is noted to be taking place on the 21st April between 7:00pm and 7:30pm .

9. ADULT/MATURE HEALTH and FITNESS

Note: Councillor Liz Clews declared a pecuniary interest in this agenda item and left the meeting accordingly.

The Clerk reported to members with regard to work that he had been briefly involved in with Councillor Clews and outlined difficulties that a number of local health and fitness support groups are facing. The Clerk outlined difficulties with groups being affiliated to national charities and significant funding raised locally being diverted to national charities who then do not invest the money back into local area. The Clerk explained that Councillor Clews is keen to work on new systems of delivering these services and believes that in many cases the groups and organisations require a degree of professional support for marketing their groups. In some cases national charities will cut funding to local groups as local groups are unable to demonstrate that they have sufficient numbers. The Clerk reported that Councillor Clews feels this is due to local groups not having the relevant skills and experience to market themselves rather than there being a lack of need for the services that the groups offer. The Clerk explained that the ideas for supporting these groups are in a very embryonic stage at this moment in time and the matter will develop. The Clerk reported that he had secured some free legal services to assist with initial start ups and business models.

The Clerk explained to members he simply seeking members approval for him to assist Councillor Clews with progressing the issues and that further details will follow in due course. The Clerk explained that if members were supportive of efforts to try and support local groups and for the Clerk and his staff to be involved in that, that members would need to refer the matter to Personnel Committee.

RESOLVED that the Community Service Committee fully support efforts to preserve local health and mature fitness services and to **RECOMMEND TO PERSONNEL COMMITTEE** that office staff be authorised to assist Councillor Liz Clews in looking to address the problems.

The meeting concluded at 8.15pm