

GAINSBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of the COMMUNITY SERVICES Committee held at Richmond House, Morton Terrace, Gainsborough on Tuesday 15 January 2013 at 7:00pm

Present: Councillor Cynthia Isherwood (Chairman)

Councillor Sandra Goacher
Councillor William Parry

Also Present: Councillor Harry Clarke
Councillor David Dobbie
Councillor Paul Key
4 members of the Friends of Richmond Park
6 members of the Riverside Festival Committee

In Attendance:

Sue Harrison	Acting Clerk to the Council
Rachel Allbones	Assistant Clerk to the Council
Jimmy Snee	Environmental Officer

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND REASONS GIVEN

Councillor Norman Dinsdale
Councillor Lesley Rollings

RESOLVED that the reasons for absence were accepted.

2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

3. MINUTES

Meeting of Community Services Committee - Tuesday 18 December 2012

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 18 December 2012 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

4. REPORT FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER (Papers A, B & C)

Paper A

The Environmental Officer informed the Committee that at present there were approx 300 new plots available in the General Cemetery, on average the Council were using 20-25 new burial plots each year, which gives the Council approx 12-15 years availability. It is also understood that a large area of land at the Southern end of the Cemetery was retained by WLDC and is thought to be allocated to the original Cemetery plan.

RESOLVED to determine the ownership of the piece of land at the Southern end of the extension in the General Cemetery.

Paper B

The Environmental Officer informed Members that several of the bus shelters need panels replacing, although none were in a dangerous state. He advised that there was cause for concern with regards to the Council's notice boards. The Ropery Road board was in a poor condition, and currently there were no boards in the South West or North East Wards.

Some of the Councils benches also require minor cosmetic attention and small repairs.

A Member questioned whether the bench near Aldi was the responsibility of the Council.

RESOLVED to determine the ownership of the bench outside Aldi on Lea Road and report back.

Paper C

The Environmental Officer reported the current usage at both Marshalls and Roses sites and also reported that the All Weather Pitch at Roses Sports Ground was currently out of use due to the weather

RESOLVED that the report had been noted.

5. UPDATE REGARDING NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Members were advised that there was currently nothing to report. The Town Partnership was progressing and a number of sub-groups had been formed.

6. FRIENDS OF RICHMOND PARK

The Chairman welcomed the Friends of Richmond Park to the meeting and invited them to explain their future aims and objectives for the park.

The Friends of Richmond Park provided all Members of the Committee with a detailed 'wish list' in respect of their future aims and objectives for the park, and provided costings, labour provision and possible sources of funding.

Members asked for clarification on a number of items and the Acting Clerk confirmed that work on the flooring to the potting shed would commence once the freezing weather conditions had improved.

RESOLVED that detailed consideration be given at the next Committee meeting of the 'wish list submitted by the FORP.

Note: The meeting had a short break at 7.25pm.

Note: Councillors Rollings and Dinsdale arrived at the meeting at 7.30pm.

Note: The meeting came to order at 7.38pm.

7. SUGGESTED TERMS AND CONDITIONS, APPLICATION FORM AND INDUCTION LOG FOR USE AT GAINSBOROUGH TOWN CONCIL SPORTS FACILITIES

RESOLVED to defer until the next meeting in order for Officers to provide detailed samples for consideration.

8. RIVERSIDE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

The Chairman welcomed the members of the Riverside Festival Committee to the meeting and invited comments.

Discussion ensued with regards to the date of the 2013 Riverside Festival.

Some Council Members were of the view that the date of the Festival excluded many school pupils from attending due to school exams.

The Festival Committee advised that they would be happy to change the date for the 2014 festival as 12 months notice is required due to bookings and other organisations commitments.

It was agreed that the current working relationships and communication between the Riverside Festival and the Town Council had broken down and was in need of immediate improvement in order to work together in a professional manner.

A lengthy debate ensued when various suggestions were made and considered and it was agreed that the public needed to feel that they were getting value for money and that it was time to move on and do things in a different way.

It was suggested that a festival sub-committee of the Town Partnership could be formed in order to have an oversight of where the money is being spent and to feed expertise out of the Chamber of Commerce in order to develop the festival and make it more sustainable.

A Council Member expressed the view that the Riverside Festival had done exceedingly well, but had now reached its plateau and need to move on a new direction and to be run on a more commercial footing.

RESOLVED that Councillors Dinsdale and Isherwood be appointed to work with the Riverside Festival Committee in order to bring expertise and new ideas to the table and to help move the Festival forward in a positive direction and a firmer footing, and that they be requested to take forward the proposal for a sub-group of the Town Partnership and to bring regular reports back to Committee.

Note: Councillor Dobbie declared a personal interest as the former Chairman of the Riverside Festival

The meeting concluded at 8:45pm.

Chairman