

GAINSBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of the COMMUNITY SERVICES Committee held at Richmond House, Morton Terrace, Gainsborough on Tuesday 20 November 2012 at 7:00pm

Present: Councillor Cynthia Isherwood (Chairman)

Councillor Norman Dinsdale
Councillor Sandra Goacher
Councillor William Parry

Also Present: Councillor Paul Key
Councillor Mick Tinker

In Attendance:

Sue Harrison	Acting Clerk to the Council
Rachel Allbones	Assistant Clerk to the Council
Gary Cooke	Events Officer

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND REASONS GIVEN

Councillor Lesley Rollings had advised that she may be late arriving.

Note: Concern was raised regarding regular non attendance at Committee by some members.

2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

3. MINUTES

Meeting of Community Services Committee Tuesday 16 October 2012

RESOLVED on proposal by Councillor Dinsdale, seconded by Councillor Isherwood that the minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 16 October 2012 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

4. REPORT FROM THE EVENTS OFFICER (Paper A)

Members received a paper from the Events Officer outlining the current position of the Riverside Festival, Octoberfest, Christmas Lights switch on, Christmas Market, Remembrance Sunday, Police and Crime Commissioners Hustings, FORP and the WL Churches Festival.

A full and lengthy discussion took place with regards to the past, present and future events.

- 1) Christmas Lights switch on
The Acting Clerk advised that a huge volunteer base had assisted the Events Officer with the Christmas Lights switch on event and had contributed to its success.

2) Christmas Market

RESOLVED that the Christmas Market Committee be contacted in order to ascertain how the £5000 grant from the Town Council had been allocated.

3) Riverside Festival

Councillor Dinsdale gave a verbal report with regards to a meeting he attended at WLDC with two members of the Riverside Festival Committee and representatives from WLDC.

It was noted that there had been general acceptance that a proper evaluation must be carried out, along with details of the allocation of funds. There had been general agreement at the meeting to look at dates for the future to find a equitable date.

The meeting also agreed that the time was right for a rebirth of the festival to encompass Gainsborough as a whole. Members considered that the new Town Partnership agreement would help achieve this.

Note: Councillor Lesley Rollings arrived at the meeting at 7:28pm.

RESOLVED to invite the key Committee members of the Riverside Festival to attend a meeting with the Community Service Committee to move arrangements forward. The Events Officer to liaise with members to set a date.

4) Remembrance Sunday

A vote of thanks was given to the volunteers who had helped on the day, and to Councillor Dinsdale for sourcing the provisions.

Councillor Rollings advised that Mr Michael Wragg from the Royal British Legion had approached her with a view to the Council taking over the running of the Remembrance service in the future.

RESOLVED that contact be made with Mr Wragg with a view to shadowing the organisation of the event next year.

5) Hustings Event

A vote of thanks was given to the Chairman of the Husting event.

5. **ROSPA REPORT 2012** (Paper B)

Members considered the Paper received and noted the repair works required at various locations.

RESOLVED on proposal by Councillor Isherwood, seconded by Councillor Parry to make appropriate budget provision in 2013/14 to enable the detailed works to be undertaken.

Note: Councillor Dinsdale abstained from the above resolution.

6. **UPDATE ON THE REQUEST FROM THE FRIENDS OF RICHMOND PARK** (Paper C)

Members considered Paper C.

After a lengthy discussion it was **RESOLVED** to reply to the request from the FORP as follows:-

1) defer any decision until such time as discussions have taken place regarding the future plans for Richmond Park, which will be an integral section of the Town Plan.

- 2) the Town Council will ensure that it is in a sound condition.
- 3) Council would wish to work alongside the Friends of Richmond Park to restore the Petanque area to its former glory.
- 4) the Council would ask the friends to work very closely with and focus on, promoting the Gainsborough in Bloom initiative and work alongside local volunteers and the Town Partnership in the forthcoming year.

Also that the floor in the potting shed is to be replaced by Council in the immediate future at minimal cost to the Council.

It was suggested that the Committee meet with the FORP in order to discuss their role and their aspirations for the park.

RESOLVED to invite the Friends of Richmond Park to attend the next Community Services Committee meeting in order to explain their future plans and objectives for the park.

7. UPDATE REGARDING NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Councillor Rollings updated members on the foundation work being carried out that will all contribute to the Neighbourhood Plan, but expressed the view that this work needed to be facilitated by the Clerk in the future.

RESOLVED to place the plan as an agenda item each month.

8. UPDATE ON THE REQUEST FOR SHOOTING RIGHTS AT THE GENERAL CEMETERY AND RICHMOND PARK

Members were advised that following the request at the last meeting, the Council's insurance provider have been contacted and had advised that the Council would not be insured under the Council's Public Liability insurance

RESOLVED on proposal by Councillor Dinsdale, seconded by Councillor Isherwood that the request for shooting rights on Council land be refused due to advice received from the insurance provider.

9. COMMUNITY GRANTS

The Committee was asked to clarify whether they would wish to make provision in the 2013/14 budget to award Community Grants.

Discussion took place and members felt that due to the Council's financial situation they were not in a position to award grants in 2013/14.

It was also pointed out that WLDC Councillors have a Councillor Initiative Fund to award local groups and Community Lincs also have the Community Action and Volunteering Fund, which the Council can inform groups about.

RECOMMENDATION to Management and Finance Committee to not make provision in the 2013/14 budget to award Community Grants.

The meeting concluded at 8:51pm

Chairman