

CHIPPENHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Amenities Committee held at the Town Hall, High Street, Chippenham on Wednesday 18 May 2011 on the rising of the Strategy & Resources Committee

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs LK André, Mrs SA Gibson, R Jones, Mrs EA Kennedy, Mrs M Pile, RHP Purdon, Mrs LS Roberts-Rance and Mrs ME Stickland

ALSO

PRESENT: Councillors ACG Noblet, MAC Packard, BS Patterson and Mrs NM Phillips

PUBLIC

PRESENT: Mr David Love, Membership Secretary, Chippenham Garden & Allotment Society

OFFICERS

PRESENT: Mrs S Wilthew (Clerk and Chief Executive)
Mr CNA Williams (Head of Support Services)
Mr A Jones (Head of Service Delivery)
Mrs V Lowkis (Halls Manager)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors TC Bate, MC Coates, Mrs MF Lloyd, JA Phillips and DLB Powell.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declaration of interest as defined by the Code of Conduct in the current approved Standing Orders was received.

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr David Love (Membership Secretary, Chippenham Garden & Allotment Society) informed the Committee of a potential new allotment site which might be provided in conjunction with a new housing development. Mr Love enquired whether the Town Council would consider supporting this potential new site.

Adrian Jones responded that although the Town Council could not comment on specific sites being considered for future development – i.e. allotment, housing or otherwise – the draft strategy does include an aim to “identify potential new sites to address the growing demand for allotments as identified by the waiting list”.

4. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

In the absence of the Town Mayor and the Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor ACG Noblet, Leader of the Council 2010/11 took the chair and invited nominations for the post of Chairman of the Amenities Committee for the Municipal Year 2011/12.

Councillor Mrs SA Gibson was proposed and duly seconded and there were no other Nominations

RESOLVED that in accordance with Standing Order 16(ii) Councillor Mrs SA Gibson be appointed Chairman of the Amenities Committee for the ensuing Municipal Year

Councillor Mrs SA Gibson in the Chair

5. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

The Chairman invited nominations for the post of Vice-Chairman of the Amenities Committee for the Municipal Year 2011/12.

Councillor R Jones was proposed and duly seconded and there were no other nominations

RESOLVED that in accordance with Standing Order 16(iii) Councillor R Jones be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Amenities Committee for the ensuing Municipal Year.

6. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 16 March 2011 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

7. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the Agenda.

8. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements from the Chairman.

9. STANLEY PARK DEVELOPMENT WORKING PARTY

It was noted that following Minute 125(ii)/10 of the Strategy & Resources Committee held on Wednesday 13th April 2011, Stanley Park has been added to the delegated responsibilities of the Amenities Committee with effect from 1st May 2011.

RESOLVED that

- (i) Nominations having been proposed and seconded that the following Members be appointed for the ensuing Municipal Year:-

Councillors Mrs LK André
Councillor MAC Packard
Councillor RHP Purdon
Councillor ACG Noblet

Councillor Mrs ME Stickland
Councillor Mrs SA Gibson (ex officio)
Councillor R Jones (ex officio)

- (ii) That at the conclusion of the current project the Stanley Park Development Working Party will become the Stanley Park Users Group.

10. FESTIVE LIGHTS

Members received a report from the Head of Service Delivery detailing the various types of festive lights (copy in Minute Book, minute 58/10 ref). Members also received a visual demonstration and explanation detailing the various options available.

RESOLVED

- (i) That Officers be authorised to place the necessary orders to ensure a comprehensive and attractive Christmas lights display is in place that captures the comments made by Members, and is in place in readiness for the lights switch-on event scheduled for Friday 18th November.
- (ii) That static light motifs are used along Avenue La Fleche as an alternative to festoons (harnesses).
- (iii) That where possible L.E.D. (i.e. more reliable and sustainable) coloured bulbs with some displays in white bulbs, are used as an alternative to glass filament bulbs.

11. MEMBERS FACILITY TOUR

Members received a report from the Head of Service Delivery detailing the proposed tour of the facilities (copy in Minute Book)

RESOLVED that the annual amenities and facilities tour takes place on Monday 20th June and all Members of the Council be invited to attend in addition to any staff members who might wish to attend.

12. PRESS RELEASE

RESOLVED that a press release be issued regarding the planned Christmas lights display and school competition.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm