PEACEHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE held in the ANZAC ROOM, Community House, Meridian Centre, Peacehaven on Tuesday 8th March 2016 at 7:30pm.

Committee Members Councillors: Wayne Botting Lynda Hallett (Vice Chair)

Rachael Coles Jackie Harrison-Hicks
Reg Farmiloe Andy Loraine (Chair)
Jean Farmiloe Amber Robertson

Brian Gosling

Present Councillors: Wayne Botting Lynda Hallett (Vice Chair)

Rachael Coles Jackie Harrison-Hicks
Reg Farmiloe Andy Loraine (Chair)
Jean Farmiloe Robbie Robertson (sub)

Brian Gosling

In Attendance: Cllr. J Harris (present in the audience)

Claire Lacey – Town Manager

Kevin Bray – Head Groundsman (present in the audience)

Sally Landers - Administration Officer

GENERAL BUSINESS

LA053 CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

'Fix My Street'

Please be aware this is a faster way for the public to report highway and road repair issues to ESCC, in particular curb stone repairs, please login to www.eastsussex.fixmystreet.com. An unsafe pavement in Edith Avenue has been logged with ESCC via this website and will be actioned shortly.

Advertising in Bus Shelters

Please be aware ESCC & Lewes District Council do not require us to apply for a licence or planning permission to install notice boards at our bus shelters in order to publisise town events, Council meetings and sell advertising space, this is a revenue stream we will be investigating.

Grass Verge Contract

We have received two expressions of interest with regards to this contract and will be holding a subcommittee to discuss.

Murder Mystery

In aid of the Mayor's local project fund Peacehaven Town Council will be holding a murder mystery event entitled A Death On The Ocean Waves on Saturday 9th April, tickets cost £12.50 and are available from the Information Office.

Debate:-none

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LA054 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Alan Sargent - West Ward

The resident read the following:-

'I refer to agenda item 6 (page 8/18) zip wire.

I wish to bring to the Committee's attention the potential for a serious accident with the zip wire within the Dell. Last year the travelling seat was removed because of the potential for a serious accident. The problem is not with the apparatus itself but when mothers with very young children (toddlers) sit on the bank opposite. Unfortunately mothers do not have full control over their very young children where they can easily run in front of the travelling seat.

This could result in just bruising or serious head injuries or a fatality.

Last year we tried installing a simple fence together with warning notices which were all destroyed within a week.

A serious injury or fatality would result in an investigation by the HSE and with a fatality the police. When an inspector investigates an accident under the new rules the HSE charge £138 per hour for all hours consumed which can result in a very large bill which cannot be claimed back via insurance.

If the investigation results in a court case and it goes against the Council the fine could be between £100,000 and £200,000 or more. Insurance companies do not cover fines therefore the money would be required to come from the Council and Councillors.

Whoever replaced the seat was totally irresponsible and the seat should be removed immediately.

I am writing to the Town Manager to ensure this complaint is on record.'

Cllr. A Loraine thanked the resident for bringing this to Peacehaven Town Council's (PTC) attention

Cllr. W Botting noted the seat had been replaced and the speed of travel on the zip wire had been reduced

Cllr. A Loraine stated a written response would be provided

Action: Provide written response to Alan Sargent concerning the Dell zip wire with regards to safety

Mae Pond – North Ward (Peacehaven & District Residents Association)

The resident requested an update with regards to the proposed CTLA meeting

Cllr. J Harrison-Hicks stated a meeting had taken place however it did not take the form of a 1:1 as PTC were expecting and therefore another has been scheduled to take place within the next two weeks

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LA054 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME continued

The resident raised concerns with regards to ClIr. D Neave's query over the value of the PTC grant to CTLA and noted this is an essential service for residents even if only one person is on board the bus. The resident queried if CTLA would lose their grant from PTC

Cllr. J Harrison-Hicks stated PTC were looking at passenger usage

The resident re-iterated that CTLA provided an essential service for residents

Cllr. Job Harris - West Ward

Cllr. Harris stated he had received complaints with regards to the condition of Howards Peace Park

C Lacey noted an offer had been received to purchase the remaining stones in Howards Peace Park which needs to be considered by PTC and that the railway sleepers will be cleared when the weather improves

Cllr. R Robertson noted that Howards Peace Park would be discussed on this agenda as a result of an action raised at the recent Council meeting on $1^{\rm st}$ March 2016

LA055 TO CONSIDER APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. A Robertson - substitute Cllr. R Robertson

LA056 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None

LA057 TO APPROVE & SIGN THE NON CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF 12th January 2016

Cllr. J Harrison-Hicks proposed

Cllr. B Gosling seconded

Approved

Debate:

None

REPORTS

LA058 PROJECT UPDATE

Debate:-

Cllr. J Harrison-Hicks quefied page 5/18 with regards to receipt of £7,000 from the Big Park Project

(BPP)

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LA058 PROJECT UPDATE continued

C Lacey stated this could be confirmed by the Responsible Finance Officer (RFO)

Action: RFO to confirm receipt of £7k donation from BPP to Peacehaven & Telscombe FC

Cllr. R Coles gueried page 6/18 and requested an update with regards to the maintenance building

C Lacey confirmed receipt of quotes and plans and that C Bibb from LDC was investigating locations within Centenary Park

Cllr. R Coles noted this issue needs to be followed up with C Bibb (LDC)

C Lacey confirmed this was being chased weekly

Cllr. R Robertson noted page 7/18 with regards to the bowls club extension and that this had been a successful project for the club

Cllr. J Harrison-Hicks queried page 7/18 and if the Howard Peace Park Working Party was still in existence

Cllr. R Robertson stated this group was formed during the previous administration and that Howard Peace Park would be discussed on this agenda

Cllr. L Hallett expressed thanks to the Town Manager and Kevin Bray (Head Grounds-man) for moving the dog bin in Howards Peace Park. Cllr. L Hallett noted that there should not be any further spend at Howard Peace Park however the rabbit issue was causing concern

Cllr. R Coles suggested converting Howard Peace Park into a car park

Cllr. R Robertson noted page 7/18 and commended the Health and Well Being initiative however attendance had been an issue

Cllr. J Farmiloe stated she had attended however the ground was not in a good condition

C Lacey stated PTC were in contact with a tree company who will supply wood chip free of charge and that a programme of training will commence a week on Monday

Cllr. R Coles suggested an evening training programme during the Summer for residents who are at work during the day. Cllr. R Coles also queried page 8/18 with regards to the possibility of moving the zip wire at the Dell or installing a fence around it

C Lacey confirmed PTC would investigate the possibility of moving the Dell zip wire and/or enclosing it with a fence

Action: Investigate the possibility of moving the Dell zip wire and/or enclosing it with a fence

Cllr. W Botting queried how many accidents had been recorded as a result of the zip wire at the Dell Signed:

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LAO58 PROJECT UPDATE continued

Clacey stated no accidents had been recorded since she had been in office

Clir. J Harrison-Hicks noted the previous Health & Safety Officer had agreed to the current location of the zip wire at the Dell

LAO59 PERMISSION TO MOVE PEACEHAVEN & TELSCOMBE FC TURNSTILE

Leisure & Amenities **REFUSES PERMISSION** for Peacehaven and Telscombe Football Club to move their turnstile.

Cllr. J Harrison-Hicks proposed

Clir. L Hallett seconded

Majority Agreed Permission Refused

Cllr. W Botting against

Clir. R Robertson abstained

Debate:-

Cllr. A Loraine noted the turnstile would cover the drain if moved

Cllr. R Coles gueried how effective the drain would be if the turnstile was moved

C Lacey confirmed this could be investigated

Cllr. J Harrison-Hicks queried the need to amend the lease if the turnstile was moved

C Lacey confirmed the change in the boundary would need to be reflected in the lease

Cllr. R Robertson queried the cost to PTC if the lease required amendment and noted that if the drain was blocked this could lead to flooding. Cllr. R Robertson also noted that the current turnstile had only been installed one year ago and questioned why this issue had not been raised at the time

Cllr. A Loraine confirmed a meeting with the Football Club on 23rd March 2016

Cllr. R Robertson noted permission could be agreed if the Football Club met all costs

Cllr. R Farmiloe noted parking at the Football Club was an issue and needs addressing

Cllr. R Coles noted that the drain should not be covered

Action: Inform Peacehaven & Telscombe FC that permission to move the turnstile has been refused

OTHER BUSINESS

LA060 TO CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Tuesday 12th April 2016 at 7:30pm

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