

TOWN COUNCIL OF FRINTON AND WALTON

**MINUTES of the Recreation and Amenities Committee
held at the Council House, Frinton-on-Sea,
Thursday, 25th September 2014 commencing at 7.15 pm**

Present :

Councillors J. Robertson Chairman
Councillors E.T. Allen(except minute no 70), R.J. Bucke, Mrs I. Johnson,
B.J. Johnson, Mrs J. King

Absent:

Councillors M.A. Cousins, C.S. Keston

In Attendance

Mrs M. Liles - Town Clerk

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr C.S Keston.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4th September 2014

RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held on 4th September 2014 (pages 17 – 19) be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

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MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE ABOVE MEETING

Minute 49, page 17 – The Clerk reported that eventually she had a reply from ECC to say they were not taking suggestions for keeping street lights on overnight from local councils only from the police. She contacted Sgt Gerrard who sent attachments of 2 applications that he had made regarding this area and with his permission she had sent these to ECC but was still waiting for a response from them. It was agreed that when a deputation from the Town Council met with County Cllr Bass they also mention pot holes and highway problems in general.

Minute 57, page 18 – No response received.

Minute 59, page 19 – Cllr Robertson had inspected the gates at Witton Wood Allotment Site and the existing posts could be re-used. He asked whether the big trees left inside the gates were safe? Staff would inspect and report back.

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COLUMBINE CENTRE

(a) Promotional Activities and Bookings

A list of future bookings excluding regular hires at the Centre had been included in the papers and was noted by those present. It was mooted that a promotional video of the hall and amenities including all that took place there would be a good idea and could be played on a TV screen. The video could also be sent out to prospective hirers. It was noted that as well as large events small events were still encouraged but they would never pay the overheads of the hall which is why larger events were being sought. The Clerk informed the meeting that the first wedding ceremony was now booked for next year in May.

(b) To discuss any maintenance issues

All of the maintenance issues had now been dealt with or installed.

(c) To receive an update on the caterers

The figures for the previous month had revealed slightly better figures and September was also proving busier. The Clerk had met with Laura who wanted to continue at the moment with the catering on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. She had also picked up some additional bookings through our recommendations when the hall was booked. The Clerk and Laura would like to organise a Food Fair in November and this was thought to be a good idea with the addition of maybe a craft fair possibly upstairs. November 30th was agreed as a date and help from everyone would be needed. The Clerk also requested a Christmas Tree at the Centre and this was agreed along with decorations.

(d) Frinton Summer Dance Event

The Clerk had prepared an interim report as she was still waiting for feedback from Matthew Townsend. There had been problems with getting information about times etc. which had involved the Council and the Caterer with extras costs. A complete lack of communication had existed despite a lot of effort to find out information.

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FESTIVE LIGHTS

The Clerk reported that all seemed in hand.

There had been a request from the Frinton Traders Association for a donation towards more Christmas Lights for the Triangle Centre and after some discussion it was agreed that once the cost of the Council's commitments were known if there was money over than this could be considered.

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SEA FRONT SHELTERS

The Clerk reported that the work would be carried out on the Bath House Shelter shortly.

With regard to the shelter opposite the Kino the Clerk felt that proper plans would need to be drawn up for the suggested alterations before this went to the District Council for approval. After some discussion it was agreed to give the sketch from Cllr Allen to Cllr B Johnson to draw up some plans for this idea and for costings be made before any further action.

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PLAY AREAS

Following a discussion it was agreed that a letter be written to Frinton Residents Association to ask for their support for a goal end on the kiosk field at Frinton.

The Clerk reported that she had requested from the District Council permission to install play equipment using 106 monies on part of the old putting green area. Following a discussion it was decided that this was the wrong way to go about this and Cllr Moss should investigate and provide a plan and full costings for the scheme to be presented to the District Council.

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ALLOTMENTS

(a) Witton Wood gates had been discussed earlier in matters arising.

(b) The Allotment invoices had gone out with copies of the new rules and costs for the following year and a letter asking people to let the Council know what structures and animals etc. were currently on each plot. This would be documented as a starting point and any new structures etc. would need permission before erecting. Some comments on the new rules had been received but reasons for these had been given and accepted by most people.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

CHAIRMAN