

**TOWN COUNCIL OF FRINTON AND WALTON**

**MINUTES of the Recreation and Amenities Committee  
held at the Council House, Frinton-on-sea,  
Thursday, 6th February 2020 commencing at 7.15 pm**

**Present:**

Councillors: Mrs F. Robertson (Chairman)  
E.T. Allen, Mrs L. Allen, Fiona Knowles, Mrs A. Oxley, P.R. Clifton, D. Oxley.

**Absent:**

Councillors: Miss P. Walford, Mrs I. Johnson, Mrs A. Davis, C.S. Keston.

**In Attendance:**

Town Clerk: J. Wedge.

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**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs I. Johnson, Mrs A. Davis, C.S. Keston and Miss P. Walford.

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**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was moved, seconded and

RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held on 19th December 2019 (pages 16 – 18) 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 52, page 16 – Councillor Mrs L. Allen asked if Tendring Music School had booked the Columbine Centre and was told that they had.

Minute 53, page 17 – Councillor Mrs F. Robertson noted that a working party had been arranged to tackle the overhanging hedge at the bus stop next to Great Holland Playing Field.

Minute 54, page 17 – Councillor Mrs A. Oxley reported on discussions she had held with the Citizens Advice Bureau about using the lettable space at the Council House office. She noted that they are not interested in expanding their services at present as they cannot find enough voluntary staff.

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**NEW AMENITIES**

A discussion was held with Cheryl Lomas, Local Physical Activity Co-ordinator and Michele Diss, PCSO about possible new amenities including a cycle strip and other possible improvements to the area around the tennis courts in Walton. Cheryl Lomas said that she had access to various funding ‘pots’ of money for innovative, new ideas to get Tendring residents to be more active. Tendring had been chosen for this funding due to deprivation indices and the general inactivity of its residents with 70% of residents doing less than half an hour of physical activity per week. It was agreed that Councillors would get in touch with Cheryl with any ideas and the Clerk was asked to circulate her contact details to all councillors.

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**COLUMBINE CENTRE**

- a) A list of future bookings including regular hirers at the Centre had been included in the papers. It was noted that future bookings were increasing steadily.
- b) Members considered 3 quotations for the repair of the roof of the Columbine Centre, the lowest of which was Supplier A. Councillors agreed to place the order with Supplier A and include a requirement that the work should be guaranteed for at least 12 months. It was moved, seconded and

**RECOMMENDED**

**That the order for works to repair the Columbine Centre roof is placed with Supplier A, who's quotation of £3600 was the lowest received.**

- c) The Clerk reported that a meeting had been held with the Bowls Club who had raised the leaking roof, failures of the LED lights, hiring the hall for their AGM and membership levels.

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**SEAFRONT & BUS SHELTERS**

- (a) Members considered a report that provided quotations, against the specification approved at the last Recreation and Amenities Committee meeting, for the repair and painting of the Council's Bus Shelters. The lowest quote was from Supplier A. Councillors agreed to place the order with Supplier A and include a requirement that the work should be guaranteed for at least 12 months. It was moved, seconded and

**RECOMMENDED**

**That the order for works to repair and paint the Council's Bus Shelters is placed with Supplier A, who's quotation of £7245 was the lowest received.**

- (b) There were no other seafront or bus shelter matters raised.

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**ALLOTMENTS**

- (a) The Clerk reported that he had a positive meeting about handing back Kirby-le-Soken allotments with David Eagle, the landowner. Subsequently, a meeting was being set-up to discuss this proposal with all allotment holders.
- (b) The Clerk reported that a meeting had been set-up with allotment holders to consider the formation of a Gardening Association at Wittonwood Road Allotments. A survey had been carried out and the majority of allotment holders who had replied were in favour of forming a Gardening Association. Councillor D. Oxley agreed to attend this meeting as he had experience of running a Gardening Association.
- (c) There were no other allotments matters discussed.

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**GRANTS**

Members had previously considered a grant application from Frinton Community Association which was for £2000 towards the cost of new flooring on the first floor and stairs of Soken House Community Centre, at the Triangle Shopping Centre. Members had asked for more financial information about the

applicant to be provided. Members considered the new financial information that had been provided and decided a grant of £500 should be offered to Frinton Community Association.  
It was moved, seconded and

## **RECOMMENDED**

**That a grant of £500 be provided to Frinton Community Association as a contribution towards the cost of new flooring on the first floor and stairs of Soken House Community Centre.**

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### **WALTON MARKET**

After discussion it was agreed that in future stall-holders would be asked take their own rubbish away so the contract to provide bins for the market would be cancelled saving over £2,000 per annum. This means that the market would be more economic to operate, even in the winter period.

There were no further matters that the Chairman considered urgent, those present were thanked for their attendance and the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

CHAIRMAN