

BARNSTAPLE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the ROCK PARK TRUST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE meeting held on WEDNESDAY 10th April 2019 COMMENCING AT 7.00PM in the Guildhall, Barnstaple.

Present: Cllr V Elkins (Chairman)
Cllrs S Upcott, V, Mrs E Davies, M Kennaugh, I Williams and Mrs L York.

Also present: Mr R Ward (Town Clerk)

RP155 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mr I Roome and Mrs J Hunt and Mr R Knight (Friends of Rock Park)

RP156 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

Cllr M Kennaugh declared a personal interest in item 4

RP157 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24TH JANUARY 2019

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 24th January 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

(5:1abs)

RP158 REQUEST FROM PLASTIC FREE BARNSTAPLE

Cllr Kennaugh, as a member of Plastic Free Barnstaple, requested that Rock Park Trust become a Plastic Free Ally to help support the Plastic Free campaign. This could include:

- Including Plastic Free conditions in the users and hirers agreement
- Providing recycling bins alongside waste bins
- Having park cleans (already organised by Plastic Free Barnstaple)
- Adding Plastic Free clauses to future contracts and leases.

It was suggested that a conversation could be had with the current kiosk leaseholder, Cllr Kennaugh agreed to pursue this.

RESOLVED: That Rock Park Trust agree to support the proposal to become a Plastic Free ally.

(NC)

RP159 REQUESTS FOR USE/HIRE OF ROCK PARK

No bookings or hirer information available for this meeting.

RP160 REQUEST FROM EASTSIDE FOOTBALL CLUB FOR ASSISTANCE
TOWARDS THE COST OF CONNECTING THE NEW CHANGING
ROOMS TO THE WATERMAIN

RESOLVED: To refuse the request for assistance but to make a recommendation to the football club that they approach Davey Trust and Rotary both who may be able to assist.

(NC)

RP161 TOWN CLERK REPORT

LANDSCAPE CONTRACT FOR ROCK PARK: we have been informed, this week, that there is a proposed 6% increase in the cost of the contract.

RESOLVED: For the Town Clerk to manage the situation and report back to the next meeting (NC)

HERITAGE STREET LAMPS: Two of the lamp columns in Rock Park have been removed due to wear and tear, will need to be replaced like for like due to being in a conservation area.

RESOLVED: Town Clerk to investigate cost of replacement and report back. (NC)

PLAY AREA WATERPLAY EQUIPMENT: The piece of equipment installed approximately 2 years ago is proving to be excessively expensive in water usage.

RESOLVED: Town Clerk to report back to the committee with options for alternative pieces of play equipment. (NC)

BASKETBALL HOOP SAFETY SURFACE: The current surface is not fit for purpose and will need replacing soon.

RESOLVED: Town Clerk to report back to the committee with options for a suitable hard surface. (NC)

ROCK PARK LODGE: The Town Clerk reported that the exterior will be redecorated this year and that woodworm has been found in the reading room paneling.

The committee identified that not many of them had visited The Lodge and were unsure of its level of use or future potential. It was requested that the Town Clerk arrange for a visit to The Lodge for committee members.

RESOLVED: To note the Town Clerk report (NC)

Meeting closed 7.49pm.

Chairman.

Signed... 

Dated... 10.7.2019.