

BARNSTAPLE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the ROCK PARK TRUST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE meeting held on WEDNESDAY 15TH JULY 2015 COMMENCING AT 1.00PM in the Guildhall, Barnstaple.

Present: Cllr Mrs V Elkins (Mayor) in the Chair
Cllrs S Upcott, Mrs J Hunt, M Kennaugh, I Williams, G Langford and L Dawson

Also present: W Austin (Town Clerk), I Parker (Town Council Property Manager) and R Knight and Mrs C Chick (Friends of Rock Park).

RP73 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs E Davies and Mrs A Dawson.

RP74 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

Cllr Mrs J Hunt, as a member of North Devon Council, has dispensation under S.O.66 to discuss and vote on all items on the agenda unless the item concerns a legal or financial agreement or dispute between the two authorities.

RP75 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 8TH APRIL 2015

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8th April 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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RP76 REQUESTS FOR THE USE/HIRE OF ROCK PARK

The Clerk reported that as previously agreed by the Committee, he was dealing with the annual applications from the Race for Life and Barnstaple Marathon under delegation.

A further application would be forthcoming for a Cycle Sunday, an event organised on behalf of Devon County Council to be held on 20th October 2015. Councillors considered this a positive event in principle and therefore

RESOLVED: That authority to progress the application for use of the park for the 'Cycle Sunday' event be delegated to the Clerk.

(NC)

RP77 MANAGEMENT MATTERS AND BUDGET MONITORING

Members considered the budget monitoring report that had been circulated prior to the meeting, and discussed the following issues in relation to management matters:

- Unauthorised traveller incursions. Councillors considered that there may be a case for greater protection of the park boundary.
- Barnstaple Fair. Councillors considered whether the park might be an alternative venue for the Fair if the current site at Seven Brethren was redeveloped.
- The proposed water play feature. The Clerk reported that the cost was likely to be well in excess of the £10,000 grant raised from the TAP Fund, and that he would continue to pursue options.
- The zip wire in the play area. The Property Manager reported that the brake on the equipment would be repaired at a cost of £348.

****Cllr L Dawson left the meeting at this point****

- The sand pit in the play area. The Property Manager reported that this was in need of significant repair, and replacement might be a cheaper option.

****Cllr L Dawson returned to the meeting at this point****

- The installation of interpretation panels. A revised cost for mounting the panels had been obtained, following the Committee's concern at the cost of concrete plinths. Four panels could be made and installed at a cost of £550 each.
- Sharps boxes in the toilets. These had been vandalised and would need replacing.
- The annual play area inspection. This had been carried out with no new problems reported. Councillors considered whether an annual maintenance agreement would provide significant benefit.
- The repainting of the Iron Bridge. Vehicular access would be required from September for 26 weeks, and the contractor would need to produce a risk assessment, safe working practice and public liability insurance.

RESOLVED: That quotes be obtained for the installation of some means of preventing unauthorised vehicular access to the park.

(NC)

RESOLVED: That interpretation panels be installed at the Taw Vale, Park School, Rock Park Lodge and Park Lane entrances to the park, at a cost of £550 each.

(NC)

RESOLVED: That sharps boxes in the park toilets be replaced as an urgent health and safety matter.

(NC)

RESOLVED: That an annual maintenance agreement for play equipment not be pursued. (NC)

RESOLVED: That the management and budget reports be received and noted. (NC)

RP79 PART 2

RESOLVED: That the following matter to be taken in the absence of press and public, in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, as the item contains exempt information as defined by S.O.81(f and h). (NC)

RP78 SAFETY MATTER

Members considered a potential safety matter reported by the Clerk.

RESOLVED: That the report of the Clerk be noted. (NC)

Meeting closed 2.28pm

Chairman.

Signed.....

Dated.....