

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 28 MAY 2015

Present: Cllr F Partridge - Chairman

Cllrs: P Curtis, A Biggs, P Moores, P Tilzey, N Tucker

In attendance: Cllrs L Moores, H Partridge

A Morgan – Promotions, Marketing and Events Officer

R/012/15

Election of Chairman

Cllr. F. Partridge was proposed (Cllr. P. Moores) and seconded (Cllr. N. Tucker)

Resolved: that Cllr. Partridge be elected Chairman of the Recreation Committee for the ensuing Council year.

R/013/15

Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr. A. Biggs was proposed (Cllr. N. Tucker) and seconded (Cllr. P. Tilzey)

Resolved: that Cllr. Biggs be elected Chairman of the Recreation Committee for the ensuing Council year.

R/014/15

To receive and accept apologies for absence

None

R/015/15

To receive registered and non-registered disclosable pecuniary interests and non-registerable interests

None

R/016/15

Dispensations: to consider requests for dispensations (for which a 'Dispensation Request' form must have been completed and submitted to the Proper Officer at least 3 working days prior to the meeting)

None

R/017/15

Maximum 15 minutes for electors present to put questions or make observations concerning the business of the Recreation Committee

None

R/018/15

Minutes: to receive, confirm and sign the minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held on 9 April 2015

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 April 2015 are a true and accurate record and they should be signed by the Chairman

R/019/15

Bude Light: Discussion regarding refurbishment

Andrew Morgan the P.M. and E officer gave an update on recent telephone consultations he had had with Ms Carole Vincent and Antony Fanshawe.

The light is in a dilapidated state. The coloured pavers surrounding the cone area cannot be renovated or their colours enhanced due to the original construction which did not have the colour mix throughout the paver. The pavers can be power-washed as before but this will have no effect on the existing colour/appearance.

The cone should now be re-lacquered as previously and this would give a temporary (5 to 7 year) acceptable finish. The cone was previously re-lacquered by J.E. Stacey of Holsworthy.

Mr. Fanshawe was prepared to visit the cone and give an estimate of the cost involved in putting the constellation and other lights back in working order as at the commissioning of the

cone. (Millennium project 2000). His charges to prepare the costings would be £30.00 an hour plus travel at 45pence a mile. (A charge possibly between £150 - £200).

A detailed discussion took place. It was noted that the constellation lights were frequently vandalised and were often prised from the Cone. At present the remaining lights were either all on or all off. The sequential lighting was ended when the unique 'motherboard' failed. The lights surrounding the cone had also failed. It was noted that the lighting had been installed below the water ingress line and subsequently it was considered dangerous for acceptable working electrical practice to work on them.

The Committee was of the opinion that it was not a good use of the public purse to try and keep the cone in its original working state as this was unachievable. It was noted that the future of the cone could be discussed in 2020. (End of grant monies involvement).

The light at the top of the Cone had been disappointing from the outset and it was hoped that this could be improved.

Resolved: That a quote is received to re-lacquer the cone and that costings are obtained to put colour changing lights in the cone and to investigate improvements to the light at the top of the cone.

R/020/15

Consideration of budget for 2016/2017

The Chairman wished to bring this item for early consideration of the Committee in order that firm costings could be obtained for budgeting for 2015/16.

The Chairman said that consideration should be given to employing two apprentices in 2016. One being trained primarily for workshop and maintenance and one being trained as a plantsman, both with the additional outdoor staff capability. The P.M. & E Officer indicated that there was Government assistance available for apprenticeship schemes.

There was a need to increase the budget for plants to include the roses necessary to create a further bed alongside the wall in the Castle grounds and plants to bring height to existing beds.

A possible leisure area for older youths on land at the Neetside, additional planters and benches and a cycle path across the Downs were also discussed.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:20pm

Signed.....Date.....