

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD  
ON THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2018**

**Members Present:** Cllrs: S Browning, J Bryson, L Deely, P La Broy, L Moores,  
F Partridge, H Partridge, N Tucker, B Willingham

**Non-voting Members present:** B Dixon, T Gibbs, Mason, P Tilzey,  
D Towl

**Officers present:** Mr K Cornwell – RFO  
Mrs T Gliddon - OA

**Cornwall Council Officers:** Mr P Marsh – Director of Environmental Services  
Mr M Beckett – Interim Head of Environment  
Mr S Wallace – Public Space Officer

**Public present:** none

*At the start of the meeting Cllr La Broy as Cornwall Councillor introduced the officers from Cornwall Council to the Committee*

**R/63/18      To receive and accept apologies for absence**

Cllrs: P Kelly and T Philp

**R/64/18      To receive declarations of registered and non-registered disclosable pecuniary interests and non-registerable interests**

None

**R/65/18      Dispensations: To consider requests for dispensations**

None

**R/66/18      Minutes: To receive, confirm and sign the Minutes of the Recreation Committee Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

**Resolved:** That the Minutes were a true and accurate record and they were signed by the Chairman

**R/67/18      Maximum 15 minutes for public present to make comments concerning the business of the Recreation Committee**

None present

**R/68/18      Devolution:**

a) To receive a presentation from Cornwall Council (CC)

Mr Marsh gave a power point presentation showing the Summerleaze and Crooklets play area locations. The presentation included a safety report and photographs of the play equipment at Summerleaze and its poor state of repair. Mr Marsh explained that the Summerleaze Play area had been closed on a purely Health and Safety basis. The Crooklets Play area would remain with ongoing repairs. It was reported that the original manufacturer and other equipment suppliers had been contacted to give quotes for refurbishment or repair of the equipment at Crooklets up to a budget of £20,000. These quotes were expected back by the 1<sup>st</sup> August

2018. The preferred option for CC would be to lease both of the play areas with a peppercorn rent to Bude-Stratton Town Council (BSTC), along with a grant of £50,000. The grant could be split as BSTC wished over both of the areas. Any and all quotes received by CC would be passed to BSTC for their consideration if the option to lease was taken up.

It was pointed out that BSTC would be in a better position than CC to obtain grant funding, crowd funding and match funding to booster the £50,000 grant from CC.

b) To discuss the Summerleaze and Crooklets play areas and to make a recommendation to the Council as to the viability of the two play parks being leased or given to Bude-Stratton Town Council on a freehold basis

The Chairman thanked Mr Marsh for his presentation and invited all Cllrs present to give their views and ask the CC officers questions from the floor. All the Cllrs present were in favour of leasing the play areas from CC and asked questions regarding:

The grant amount – *“being £50,000 non negotiable”*

Length of the lease hold – *“125 years”*

Extent of the areas to lease – *“to be agreed when boundary lines had been looked at in more detail. The Summerleaze area to be leased would probably cover a larger extent of land than that on which the play equipment currently stands”*

Timescale – *“as soon as agreed at BSTC full Council and paper work was drawn up”*

Cost of removing the equipment – *“would be removed at CC cost”*

Inclusion of the skate park area – *“to be brought to the table at a later date”*

Car Park levy towards ongoing maintenance *“would not be possible”*

The RFO questioned Mr Marsh regarding the sand being a RoSPA designated safety surface and talked about the appliance of VAT rules for BSTC.

Resolved: That a recommendation be made to Full Council that Crooklets and Summerleaze Play Areas are leased from Cornwall Council on a long lease (125years), along with a grant for £50,000.

The meeting closed at 5.25pm

Chairman’s Signature.....Date.....