

PEACEHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE held in the ANZAC ROOM, Community House, Meridian Centre, Peacehaven on Tuesday 1st November 2016 at 7:30pm.

Committee Members Councillors: Wayne Botting Andy Loraine
 Rachael Coles (Chair) Ron Maskell
 Brian Gosling Amber Robertson
 Lynda Hallett Robbie Robertson (Vice Chair)
 Job Harris Melvyn Simmons
 Jackie Harrison-Hicks

Present Councillors: Rachael Coles (Chair) Job Harris
 Brian Gosling Ron Maskell
 Lynda Hallett Melvyn Simmons

In Attendance: Sally Landers – Administration Officer

GENERAL BUSINESS

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The meeting began with a presentation by WAVE Leisure which detailed the background to the organisation and the ten year contract with Lewes District Council which has been extended for a further five years.

WAVE Leisure has four main leisure sites and manages nine facilities.

The presentation detailed various WAVE Leisure activities within the community and the summer events which have benefited from financial support from Peacehaven Town Council and Telscombe Cliffs Town Council.

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LA112 CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Centenary Park

Cycle racks have been installed at Centenary Park.

The ground staff team have cut back the wild flower areas in the park and cleared cuttings to encourage more growth next year.

Volunteer Taskforce

The Volunteer Taskforce are doing a great job at Howard Peace Park, weeding, hedging and planting bulbs, if any residents wish to join the team, please contact the Information Office.

Debate:-

None

LA113 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Peter Seed – West Ward

The resident queried page 15/21 with regards to ownership of the land at Centenary Park as he understood Southern Water had purchased this under a Compulsory Purchase Order and questioned if Lewes District Council (LDC) was the freeholder or leaseholder of this site

Cllr. R Coles confirmed a written response would be provided

Action: Provide written response to Peter Seed to confirm if the land at Centenary Park had been purchased by Southern Water under a Compulsory Purchase Order and why/how Lewes District Council is now the freeholder

The resident queried page 16/21 with reference the Council's planning enquiry to build premises for the Grounds Team at Centenary Park and LDC's response that the building would be too large when taking into account the Big Park Project Board minutes on page 19/21 which agreed to provide relevant planning information and requested an update

Cllr. R Coles confirmed a written response would be provided

Action: Provide written response to Peter Seed with an update on Grounds Staff Team premises

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LA114 TO CONSIDER APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. W Botting – noted
Cllr. J Harrison-Hicks – accepted (illness)
Cllr. A Loraine – noted
Cllr. A Robertson – noted (work commitments)
Cllr. R Robertson – noted (work commitments)

LA115 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None

LA116 TO APPROVE & SIGN THE NON CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF 6th September 2016

Cllr. L Hallett proposed
Cllr. B Gosling seconded

Approved

Debate:

None

REPORTS

LA117 PROJECT UPDATE

Noted

Debate:-

Cllr. R Maskell requested an update on the water leak at Centenary Park

Cllr. R Coles suspended Standing Orders so that K Bray – Head Groundsman could participate

K Bray confirmed the urinals had been checked and were not responsible for the excessive use of water and that South East Water suspect the problem is a leak underground

Cllr. R Coles re-instated Standing Orders

Signed:

RA Coles

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LA118 HERITAGE BOARD

The Leisure & Amenities Committee **DOES NOT AGREE** to purchase a heritage board for The Dell from Fitzpatrick Woolmer

Cllr. R Maskell proposed
Cllr. L Hallett seconded

Agreed

Debate:-

Cllr. R Coles suggested purchasing a board for advertising instead of one for heritage

Cllr. R Maskell enquired if residents had initiated the request and noted that these boards are subject to vandalism and do not weather well

Cllr. R Coles suspended Standing Orders so that P Seed could participate and enquired about the Heritage Committee

P Seed stated the Heritage Committee planned to publicise historical sites in Peacehaven noting that the Committee had not met for a while

Cllr. R Coles enquired who initiated the request for a heritage board

P Seed stated that the Council had initiated the request

Cllr. R Maskell enquired why The Dell had been selected for a heritage board

P Seed noted that this had been the site of a theatre

Cllr. R Coles re-instated Standing Orders

LA119 PAWS ON WATCH

Noted

Debate:-

Cllr. L Hallett confirmed that the Paws on Watch website is user friendly

LA120 WRITTEN RESPONSES TO PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Who is responsible for Centenary Park and is the Big Park Project Board still in operation

This question was raised at the Leisure & Amenities Committee meeting on 6th September 2016, the following written response was sent to the resident, dated 29th September 2016:-

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LA120 WRITTEN RESPONSES TO PUBLIC QUESTIONS continued

Question Who is responsible for Centenary Park? Is the Big Park Project Board still running?

Minutes from previous meeting at which the Maintenance schedule and handover agreement was presented to Council 19/07/16.

The Big Park/Centenary Park land is owned by Lewes District Council. The land is likely to always be owned by them and PTC has approximately 998 years remaining on a lease.

The Big Park Project was managed by the Project Manager at Lewes District Council, Chris Bib.

The projects were implemented and subsequently fell under a 1 year maintenance term (snagging). This completed and part of the park (play equipment and toilets etc) were handed over to Peacehaven Town Council Grounds team in May 2016.

Due to further projects coming to the park, the Project Manager and the Big Park Project board is still in existence and will remain, until their next meeting, where future projects will be discussed. This is yet to be confirmed as November 2016.

Terms of reference will be reviewed, as will the future of the project board.

As stated at a previous Committee, once the archaeology / hut site is begun at the Big Park, the Big Park Project Board will consist of minimum 3 Councillors for the Town Council and an Officer of the Council. It is possible that Councillors will rotate on that committee, but PTC will always retain a presence and voting rights.

The Park was officially named by the Duke of Gloucester in April 2015 and opened to residents to use from that date.

Noted

Debate:-

Cllr. R Coles requested that the entire letter be included in future reports, less any personal details

Action: In future 'Written Responses' Report provide complete correspondence (not extracts)

LA121 INFORMATION TO NOTE

Noted

NEXT MEETING

LA122 TO CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 17th January 2017 at 7:30pm

Noted

Signed: 

Date: 17/01/2017