

**ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Amenities Committee held at 7.30pm on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at Manor House, Lime Kiln, Royal Wootton Bassett.

PRESENT: Councillors: Rob Anstee, Mary Champion, Mike Farrow, Janet Georgiou, Sue Hughes, Mike Leighfield, Caroline Redmond and Steve Walls

Also in Attendance: Councillors: David Bowler and Nic Hughes

Officers in Attendance: Johnathan Bourne, Town Clerk, Michelle Temple, Administrative Services Manager and Joshua Toll, Community Projects Officer

**43. APOLOGIES**

No Apologies received.

**44. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with sections 10 and 12 of Wiltshire Council's Members Code of Conduct, as adopted by Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council at a meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2012.

RESOLVED to note that Councillor Sue Hughes declared an interest in the Strategy for Youth Work as founder of the Local Youth Network.

**45. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman updated Members in respect of the following: -

- (a) Youth Pod Otter Way Play Area – It has now been sold and we will be receiving £4000 back
- (b) Cemetery Update – New spaces. We will keep you updated
- (c) Play Area Gates – 6 new gates fitted, the further 6 gates are in progress
- (d) Community Garden Project, is still in progress
- (e) Esso Flowerbed – Royal Charter 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The Arms of Bassett at the time of the 1219 charter will be displayed, which was selected by the Community Together group

#### **46. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED to confirm and sign minutes of a meeting of the Amenities Committee held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019 (A/5/2018-2019), copy previously circulated.

#### **47. LITTER REPORT**

No exceptional incidents to report.

#### **48. ACCESSIBLE PLAY EQUIPMENT**

The Council received a verbal update from Councillor Sue Hughes and to seek authorisation for the Town Clerk to progress a scheme within his spending limit, using Section 106 funding prior to its expiry date.

Councillor Sue Hughes gave a short presentation on the need for accessible play equipment to be installed into Otter way Play area. This will enable children with special needs to integrate together within one play area.

RESOLVED to authorise the Town Clerk to spend the S106 money and the balance of the Amenities Project fund 2018/2019 at Otter Way Play Area on accessible equipment before the money expires.

*Councillor Caroline Redmond left at 8.00pm*

#### **49. WESSEX WATER UPDATE**

A site visit had been arranged for the Town Clerk, Johnathan Bourne to attend on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 3pm. Councillor Sue Hughes gave a verbal update from the meeting:

- Wessex Water originally shared that the New Road, road closure would be for 6 months, but are now looking to reduce it to 6/8 weeks
- An area of land near the toddler play area has been highlighted for Wessex Water to purchase. Once this has been drawn up and priced, a report will come back to Council.
- Wessex Water will offer £100,000 for the Council to replace the play area equipment and a further £20,000 to purchase another CCTV camera to be installed at the opposite end of the play area
- Wessex Water will communicate with the residents by arranging regular consultation meetings and letter drops.
- Wessex Water have an indicative start date of January 2020

RESOLVED to note.

#### **50. CEMETERY FEES INCREASE**

It was suggested that all cemetery fees should be increased by 3% from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019.

Council RESOLVED not to put the cemetery fees up.

#### **51. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TENDERS**

The Council's Christmas Lighting contract expires in June 2019. Three companies were invited to tender for the installation of the Christmas Lights. Only one contractor has returned their tender, whom is our exiting contractor, which meets our budget.

The Committee was asked to accept this tender.

RESOLVED to accept the tender.

**52. A STRATEGY FOR YOUTH WORK**

To receive a report from Councillor Sue Hughes, copy previously circulated.

RESOLVED to:

- (a) Amend the Strategy to reflect the temporary nature of the agreed funding
- (b) Reflect the need to integrate young people with old
- (c) Authorise application to area board for funding support in 2019/2020

The Committee thanked Councillor Hughes for her excellent report.

**53. COMMUNICATIONS**

The Committee was asked to consider whether it would like any Press Releases or other Communications issued in respect of the Committee.

RESOLVED not to issue any communications.

*The meeting closed at 8.40pm*