

YEOVIL TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the **GROUPS AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil on **Monday 7 January 2008**

(7:00pm – 7.50pm)

Present:

Philip Chandler – Chairman
Pete Goodman
Dave Greene
Wes Read
Alan Smith

Also Present:

Sally Bing – Assistant Town Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from members of the public.

7/59 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5 November 2007, copies of which had already been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

7/60 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Ruth Kendall, Tony Lock and David Recardo.

Apologies for absence were also received from Steve Barnes, Play and Youth Facilities Officer and Rich Davy, Street Scene Services Co-ordinator.

7/61 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

7/62 **CORRESPONDENCE**

There were no items of correspondence.

7/63 **PLAY AND YOUTH FACILITIES UPDATE**

The Committee considered the update by the Play and Youth Facilities Officer (Agenda item 5 refers) and the Assistant Town Clerk reported to the Committee that some concerns regarding the scout hut at Yew Tree Park had been raised by Bridget Dollard. This included graffiti on the scout hut, resolution of which was in hand, concerns regarding the perimeter fence

which served as a boundary to the site and problems with footballs being kicked up against the side of the scout hut which was particularly concerning if a meeting was being held in the hut at the same time.

It was agreed that the required repair to the fence would be referred to the District Council and that Steve Barnes would be asked to investigate potential solutions to the problem of the football being kicked against the scout hall wall.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matters be noted; and
- (2) that the Assistant Town Clerk contact Steve Barnes with regard to the site perimeter fence and the problem of footballs being kicked against the scout hall wall.

7/64 **ALLOTMENT MAINTENANCE**

The Committee considered the report and table by the Street Scene Services Co-ordinator (Agenda item 6 refers) on the maintenance of sites managed by the Town Council.

RESOLVED

that the matter be noted.

7/65 **WATER REFURBISHMENT**

The Committee considered the report of the Town Clerk (Agenda item 7 refers).

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matters be noted;
- (2) that the proposed refurbishment works at St George's allotment site be approved and the project be funded as set out in the report; and
- (3) that the proposed refurbishment works be completed ahead of the supply being turned on in April 2008.

7/66 **NON-CORPORATE ALLOTMENT MAINTENANCE BUDGET**

The Committee considered the report by the Assistant Town Clerk (Agenda item 8 refers).

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matter be noted; and
- (2) that the requests from Elizabeth Flats, St George's and Milford Dip allotment sites, as listed in the report, be supported and funds be

allocated from the remaining balance of the Non-Corporate Allotment Maintenance Budget to meet the costs involved.

7/67 **USE OF EQUIPMENT BY ALLOTMENT TENANTS**

The Committee considered the update as set out in Agenda item 9.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matter be noted; and
- (2) that a detailed report setting out future options be awaited.

7/68 **ALLOTMENT TENANTS WORKING GROUP**

The Committee considered the outcome of the meeting of the Allotment Tenants Working Group held on 26 November 2007.

The Assistant Town Clerk assured the Committee that the sleepers in storage at the compound at Goar Knap allotment site had not been promised to a tenant or site but were in storage in anticipation of an agreed project to provide raised allotment beds for use by gardeners with limited mobility.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matter be noted; and
- (2) that the costs of providing the raised allotment beds at Newtown allotment site be reviewed when potential funds to facilitate the project become available.

7/69 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2007**

The Committee considered the report of the Finance Administrator (Agenda item 11 refers).

Alan Smith requested confirmation of the times the gate at Yew Tree Park is locked in the evening. The Assistant Town Clerk stated that she would check the information and inform the Councillor as soon as possible.

RESOLVED

that the Financial Statement for October and November 2007 be noted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from members of the public.

Chairman