

# Stonehouse Town Council



**MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting)**  
**OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES RECREATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE HELD ON**  
**MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013 AT 7.00PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET,**  
**STONEHOUSE**

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**Present:**

**Councillors** John Aldis (Convenor of Committee)  
Chris Brine (Chair of Town Council)  
Simon Lewis (Vice Chair of Town Council)  
Anthony Howarth  
Roger Govier

**Also Present:**

Town Clerk Gill Jennings  
Councillors Pam Swain, Theresa Watt, Paul Stephens  
Rick Jordan

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**K3/41 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Gary Powell

**K3/42 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members are reminded of their obligation within the requirements of the adopted Model Code of Conduct to declare any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests where applicable.

**None Declared**

**K3/43 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2013**

The Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2013 need to be considered for approval.

**The Minutes were agreed without amendment.**

**K3/44 PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT (15 minutes)**

Members of the public may speak only once for a maximum of 5 minutes on any specific agenda item.

**Rick Jordan explained his vision of a Festival of Arts for Stonehouse. The Committee were pleased to note that 5 volunteers had come forward to run the Festival but advised them to work in conjunction with Stonehouse Partnership who had experience of running events in the town.**

**K3/45 OPEN SPACE/ALLOTMENTS/BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE**

1. To receive quotations for tree works (Stagholt) up to £1320

**Three quotations were considered. The work would be awarded to Sam Kelly.**

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### **K3/45 Open Spaces/Allotment/Buildings Maintenance** (continued)

2. To consider cost of replacement bins Meadow/Laburnum and consider cost of dog gate £442 to play area following correspondence to Dog Clubs

A bin lid had been ordered to repair the bin at Meadow. The Dog Clubs had not responded to a request for funding towards the dog gate. **The Committee agreed to recommend to Council that this money came from the Recreation Enhancements Reserve.**

3. Following a complaint about trees overhanging a garden fence adjacent to the Community Centre an estimate for works has been obtained in the sum of £1340. However it appears that the fence being overhung might have been erected on public land therefore the Committee should consider how to proceed.

**The Committee agreed that work would be carried out on T9 and T10 but the other trees T5 to T8 appeared to be within the boundary of the complainants property.**

4. Magpies Social Club have requested financial assistance in making repairs to the skittle alley roof – The Committee are referred to part 1.2 of the lease.

**The Committee agreed that the Council should assist in accordance with the lease terms.**

### **K3/46 RECREATION WORKING GROUP**

1. To receive a report from the Recreation Working Group – a report of a meeting held the 4<sup>th</sup> September is circulated for information.

- The Committee are asked to consider granting a 25 year lease for the whole football field to enable a grant application by the football club.

**The Committee agreed to consider a proposal from the football club provided they covered the Council's legal fees.**

- The Working Group have considered the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of works to Oldends Pavilion which might be eligible for a combi-grant and the Committee are asked to approve the plans subject to a grant being approved. These are to install security lighting, cctv and install patio style doors onto a new landscaped area with seating.

**The Committee agreed the plans to date.**

- Following a resolution of Council to place an order for a Boule court the District Council have advised that S106 monies would have to be taken from Dove Hill monies whilst the funds from Elgin Mall are being collected. Committee to note that the order will proceed on this basis.

**The Committee were concerned that Stroud District Council had been quite insistent that the money from S106 Elgin Mall was spent at Laburnum Field. However, the S106 officer had now confirmed that funds would not be received into SDC until 2015 when it could be spent "in the vicinity" of Laburnum Field. The Committee felt they had been hurried into a decision between a roundabout and a boule court and given more time other suggestions might have been forthcoming. The Clerk was asked to discuss this with the S106 officer. In the meantime the order for a boule court would not proceed.**

- To note that funding has not been obtained for an outdoor gym and this item is on hold.

**The Committee noted this.**

### **K3/47 ACCOUNTS 2013/14**

1. To review Committee expenditure/receipts to date. **August expenditure at £7683.08 and Income of £1445.02.**

**The totals of income and expenditure were agreed.**

### **K3/48 YOUTH BUILDING**

1. To receive a report from the Youth Working Group. The Committee to note that overspend on the kitchen will be covered by a grant from Stroud District Council and a donation from a kind benefactor (£300)

### **K3/48 Youth Building** (continued)

The provisional sum allowed for kitchen fittings was £2400 which had been exceeded. The difference of £1400 would be funded by SHYP.

2. The project manager is still required to make a report on security measures.  
Cllr. Brine & the Clerk to meet with Mike Hughes to discuss this issue and completion of the building works.

### **K3/49 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

The current contract ends on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013. A revised quotation is submitted for agreement.

Additional costs had been obtained for further trees and lights but Delta Nine had decided to have their own trees at their own cost. An order would be placed in the sum of £4595.

### **K3/50 STAGHOLT**

The junior footballers have requested an additional pitch at Stagholt. The Committee should consider the future of Stagholt field which is under-used and over-cut at present.

The Committee agreed that the junior football could be accommodated on the field when it was not in use for Rugby. There would be a charge to the Club for use of the pitches to cover marking out. The Club had asked about the use of the pavilion and had been told the costs which they would be asked to meet to re-commission the building.

### **K3/51 SKATEPARK (For information only)**

An initial site meeting has been held to discuss landscaping options. Several paths will be incorporated to link the skatepark to other sites with zoning to keep pedestrians safe and safety matting. A start date of mid October is likely. A contribution towards the skatepark in the sum of £10905 has been received which is partly for future maintenance.

The Committee viewed plans for landscaping the skatepark and agreed a revised plan of two paths, seating, grass matting, storage cupboard which would now be put out to tender.

### **K3/52 ALLOTMENTS**

1. To receive a report from the Allotments Committee

No report received.

### **K3/53 CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Reports have been received from Stonehouse Youth Club, Play Gloucestershire, Cotswold Canals Partnership and will be available to read in hard copy in the office (held for a period of three months)

### **K3/54 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

28<sup>th</sup> October 2013

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