



Stonehouse Town Council

MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Committee Meeting)
OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES, RECREATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE HELD ON
TUESDAY 6TH MAY 2014 AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, STONEHOUSE.

Present:

Councillors	John Aldis	(Convenor of Committee)
	Chris Brine	(Chair of Town Council)
	Simon Lewis	(Vice Chair of Town Council)
	Roger Govier	
	Tony Howarth	
	Gary Powell	(Deputy Convenor of Committee)

Also Present: Town Clerk Gill Jennings
Cllrs. Pam Swain, Theresa Watt, Rick Jordan

K3/145 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

None Received

K3/146 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.

Cllr. J Aldis declared an interest in K3/153 (only in so far as PSALMS might be involved)

K3/147 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 31st MARCH 2014

An amendment to these Minutes was noted at the Town Council meeting of 22nd April. The Committee were in agreement that the Football Club could go ahead with a planning application for Change Of Use of the workshop to a changing room.

The Minutes with this amendment were agreed.

K3/148 PUBLIC ADJOURNMENT (15 minutes)

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

No questions raised.

K3/149 COURT VIEW

Minutes of a meeting between Town Council representatives & Stroud Valley Project are circulated herewith for information only.

The Committee noted the report of the work to date and strategy for further work.

K3/150 RECREATION WORKING GROUP

To receive a report from the Working Group.

The Recreation Working Group Minutes had been circulated by email.

K3/151 OLDENDS LANE PAVILION & COU OLDENDS LANE WORKSHOP

1. Drawings are now available for Phase 2 works – Committee to discuss way forward. The drawings were inaccurate in that amendments were required to incorporate a further entrance and reduce the number of internal doors.

K3/151 Oldends Lane Pavilion (continued)

2. To discuss energy systems for pavilion

An estimate had been obtained for mains gas supply and a further estimate would be sought for solar energy.

3. To discuss alternative storage solutions and future of existing changing rooms within the stadium

The Recreation Working Group confirmed that the existing changing rooms could either be demolished or utilised as alternative storage in place of the workshop. The Committee agreed it would be better to remove as many old buildings/containers from site as possible.

K3/152 YOUTH BUILDING - RAMP

Awaiting written quotations.

K3/153 YOUTH BUILDING

1. To receive a report from youth leaders

The March 2014 report from Young Gloucestershire was circulated. Committee Members discussed the suggestion made by YG for baby changing facilities and decided this was not appropriate. The Working Group are to discuss health & safety issues with YG.

2. Committee are requested by the Clerk to revisit Minute K3/129 and to clarify the role of the Youth Working Group and ART Committee as budget holder

To clarify, the Committee explained their wish to reduce the workload of the committee and pass on the management issues of the youth building and staff to Finance & Strategy Committee. Whilst recognising it was unusual to set a budget and then pass it on, the Committee would ask the Council to make a resolution to pass the funding across. F & S Committee to determine a new remit for the Working Group.

3. To agree Youth Leader Provision costs for 2014

Committee are requested by the Clerk to revisit this item.

The Committee confirmed their agreement to the revised cost of £892.50 representing a saving of £27.50 per month.

4. To revisit the matter of fencing.

Now that the building had been insitu for some months the Committee agreed that it did not need fencing off for further security.

K3/154 SKATEPARK

To discuss any ongoing issues/completion of reinstatement

Reinstatement of the track and installation of grass matting outstanding. The Committee congratulated the Working Group and all involved in the Opening Event.

K3/155 IN BLOOM (For Information)

New displays are to be provided by Plantscape at a cost of £2316 plus VAT for installation w/c 27th May. In addition plants will be purchased for Town Hall window boxes and Town Green beds.

The Committee agreed that to reduce watering requirements the existing Town Green planters would be emptied and put into storage.

K3/156 DOVEROW (Matter of report only)

Quotations have been obtained in the region of £1600 - £1800 and works will proceed to the lowest quote as soon as conditions will allow.

This course of action was agreed.

K3/157 BOULE COURT

To discuss hire costs, opening hours, signage, launch event.

The Committee agreed a deposit charge of £10 for the key and £10 per 2 hour session.

The Court to be available every day between 10am and 9pm.

Signage to be arranged by the Clerk. A launch event would ideally take place in June with a competition between Stonehouse Town Council and Stonehouse Rotary.

K3/158 FINANCE

1. To agree Committee expenditure/receipts Year End – **These were agreed.**

2. To agree receipts and payments in April 2014 – **Committee payments £1952.26**

Receipts £336.68 were agreed.

3. To consider and agree the 5th Valuation on the Youth Building – **The contractor had submitted a final account in the sum of £20552. The Project Manager had not raised a Certificate to authorise payment. The Clerk/RFO was authorised to make an on account payment of £7000 in the interim until the final account was agreed.**

K3/159 PLAY EQUIPMENT AREAS

ROSPA inspection is due and in the meantime further quotations will be obtained for matting repairs.

K3/160 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

16th June 2014

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

The Council will by resolution exclude the public from item K3/161 & 2 due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and publicity of the item would be prejudicial to the public interest.

K3/161 TO DISCUSS REDEVELOPMENT OF STAGHOLT & OLDENDS LANE AND TO AGREE A WAY FORWARD

Members of the Recreation Working Group would be visiting other community halls and drawing up a list of requirements. The Committee viewed draft plans and although it was agreed that there was scope for development at Oldends Lane the plans did not yet demonstrate a satisfactory solution. Ideally it would be better to incorporate all needs into one building and whilst plans were being formulated the COU on the workshop should be delayed. The plan at Stagholt was approved but would be subject to wider consultation.

In the meantime, the first consultation step was through the Neighbourhood Plan event on the 10th May to open discussion on recreation requirements.

The Committee were made aware of the costs involved, the S106 limitations and the options available.

K3/162 MAGPIES SOCIAL CLUB

A change of management was noted. A Club Committee had not yet been formed but the rent was up to date.
