

Droitwich Spa Town Council

MINUTES of the meeting of the COMMUNITY AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber at St Richard's House, Victoria Square, Droitwich Spa on Monday 4 July 2016 at 6.20 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor A H Laird (Vice-Chairman) – In the Chair
Councillor R Murphy (Ex-officio)
Councillor S Best
Councillor Mrs C Bowden
Councillor A Humphries

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors R G Beale, G R Brookes, R J Morris, T J Noyes and A Roberts.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillors Ms Bolton, Mrs Hawkins and Mrs Harris, committee members, and Councillor Mrs M A Lawley.

73. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were none.

74. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE HELD ON 6 JUNE 2016

Proposed by Councillor Best, seconded by Councillor Humphries, and

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 6 June 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

75. RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING OF THE GRANTS APPRAISAL PANEL HELD ON 13 JUNE 2016

The Committee considered the recommendations for grant allocation. The Vice Chairman updated that all applicants attending for the Grants Meeting on the 13 June 2016 had presented their requests very well. The decision-making process had been tightened this Municipal Year in consideration for the reduced funding available and in order to emphasise to groups the importance of looking at wider fund raising options and not being self reliant on assistance from the Town Council over successive years.

RESOLVED That the following grants be approved,
1.Droitwich Spa Tea Dance Club £200.00
2.Droitwich Spa Horticultural Society £500.00
3.Speakeasy (NOW) Droitwich Spa £750.00
4.Droitwich Art Club £250.00
5.Droitwich Spa Football Club £700.00
6. Droitwich Methodist Church £500.00.
7. Wychavon Festival of Brass £250.00.
8. Droitwich Air Cadets £700.00.
9. Westacre Middle School £500.00
10.Droitwich Waterways(Pamela May)Trust £750.00

Total Grants approved = £5100.00

76. SUNDAY BAND CONCERTS IN LIDO PARK

The purchase of new chairs for the use of the bands was considered, the proposal being for 35 plastic portable folding chairs for the musicians to use whilst playing in the band stand. This was to replace the existing stock of chairs which had reached the end of their useable term. The new ones would be fit for purpose and manual handling compliant.

Councillor Best advised that one of the plugs on the PA system occasionally used by the Bands on Sundays was broken and in need of repair. The Assistant Town Clerk agreed to look into this matter. Consideration was also suggested that chairs with a suitable trolley to further assist with movement from the stores building be looked at with the purchase options.

RECOMMENDED That Resources Committee authorises the purchase of 35 chairs.

77. COPCUT PARK – MAINTENANCE IMPROVEMENTS AND LANDOWNER RESPONSIBILITIES TO WOODLAND WALK AREA, LARGE POND AND WILDLIFE HABITAT

During routine inspections of Copcut Park problems with the water flow and subsequent silting had been identified. These had now reached the point where action is required. Complaints from adjoining neighbours had also been identified.

Professional advice had been sought from Mrs Lynn Stevens, Parks Officer with Wychavon District Council and remedial works identified. Three estimates were being sought for the work, in accordance with Standing Orders. Councillor Brookes acknowledged that the build up of silt from the stream was a problem that has arisen with time and remedial works should include preventative measures to reduce this occurrence in the future. Councillor Brookes suggested that a letter be sent to Mrs Lynn Stevens to register disappointment that these works were necessary within three years of the scheme being designed, implemented and launched, however the Town Clerk advised that Mrs Stevens had been aware of this possibility which was dependent upon the flow of water. Councillor Morris added that the park scheme in general was a great asset enjoyed by

many people and as such the remedial works should be recommended to proceed as soon as practically possible to maintain the environment.

RESOLVED That the three estimates are obtained and the works instructed in accordance with the lowest price quoted.

78. DSTC STORAGE UNIT - COPCUT PARK COMPOUND

The Committee considered the need for a replacement secure storage unit to be used for Town Council equipment. The two existing units were not weatherproof and were beyond economic repair. Incidents of breaking, entering and theft had also taken place at the site during the past 12 months. A second-hand shipping container of approximately 20 feet in length would provide a suitable solution and be easily accommodated in the space available. In accordance with normal protocol three estimates for purchase, delivery and installation were to be sought. Councillor Noyes asked that suitably strong and shielded padlocks be fitted to the unit when in place.

RECOMMENDED That Resources Committee endorses the purchase of a second-hand replacement storage unit and locks.

79. DROITWICH SPA COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICES [DCVS]

Following receipt of a successful grant award from the Peoples Postcode Lottery fund a series of local training course were now being organised by the DCVS. The training courses were free of charge for employees or volunteers of local charities and community groups. A programme of courses was in the process of being drawn up.

RESOLVED That the training courses update and schedule for the Droitwich Spa Council for Voluntary Services be noted.

The meeting concluded at 6.45 pm

Chairman of Committee
12 September 2016

Chairman of Council
26 September 2016