

RECREATION AND PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

22 JUNE 2010

Present: Chairman: Councillor Mrs Evans

Councillors: Mrs Bridewell Mrs Burton Callow
 Hopkins Smith Mrs Winchcombe

Officers: Simon Fisher, Deputy Town Clerk
 Heather Bond

Members of the Public: Two

91 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 25 May 2010 having been circulated to all Members were amended at minute 47; to read "*seconded by Councillor Callow*" they were then confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

92. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Gudgeon and A R Taylor.

93. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs Winchcombe declared an interest in minute numbers 103 and 106; she did not leave the Council Chamber.

Councillor Callow declared an interest in minute number 102; he did not leave the Council Chamber.

Councillors Mrs Burton and Mrs Evans decided not to declare an interest in minute number 102; as they represent the Town Council on the Britain in Bloom working party and have discussed this issue, but have not made a decision.

94. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were two members of the public present.

95. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – VENUES INCOME FIGURES

The committee received and noted the report.

96. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – VENUES – CUSTOMER SATISFACTION FEEDBACK

The committee received and noted the report.

97. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – VENUES OCCUPANCY FIGURES & MARKET INFORMATION

The committee received and noted the report.

98. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – TREES ON THE GREEN

It was proposed by Councillor Hopkins, seconded by Councillor Callow and UNANIMOUSLY agreed

THAT Devizes Town Council agrees to take up the offer for the provision of a tree cage for the replacement Lime tree, on the Green, by the Trust for Devizes, it was then confirmed by Councillor East that the Trust for Devizes will also be happy to pay for the replacement.

99. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – JUDGING FOR SOUTH WEST IN BLOOM 2010

Councillor Mrs Winchcombe asked if the recent letter “Blooming Marvellous – South West in Bloom Judging Day 9 July” was sent to all organisations in the town and not just retailers. The Deputy Town Clerk advised that the letter was sent to all organisations held on the Town Council’s database.

The committee received and noted the report.

100. REPORT FOR DECISION – OPEN SPACE SIGNAGE

The Deputy Town Clerk clarified the outcome from the recent working party meeting.

Councillor Mrs Winchcombe asked if there was any emergency contact information located at these sites; the Deputy Town Clerk advised that there are no contact details for the Town Council outside of normal working hours.

It was proposed by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Mrs Evans and UNANIMOUSLY agreed

THAT the committee agrees the design of the open space signage recommended by the working party.

101. REPORT FOR DECISION – FAMILY MEDIATION SERVICE REQUEST TO RUN A BAR AT THE TOWN HALL

After much discussion it was proposed by Councillor Hopkins, seconded by Councillor Mrs Burton and UNANIMOUSLY agreed

THAT not to allow a change in Council policy for this booking and that all alcohol is supplied through the Council as set out in policy. The committee also asked that when writing to the organisers could officers advise of how much the grace and favour let is worth in monetary value.

102. REPORT FOR DECISION - ROUNDABOUTS

It was proposed by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Mrs Evans and agreed

THAT the committee accepts a proposal to work with others to improve the appearance of the town by adopting and maintaining roundabouts around the town. The committee agreed to the preferred Option C.

103. REPORT FOR DECISION – USE OF THE CORN EXCHANGE BY LOCAL RADIO STATION

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Winchcombe, seconded by Councillor Callow and agreed

THAT the committee allows Fantasy Radio to use the small office at the Corn Exchange as a studio.

104. QUESTION TIME

Councillor Hopkins asked what could be done about wild life at Quakers Walk allotments, he asked for this to become an agenda item for a future meeting.

105. PROCEDURE: CONFIDENTIALITY OF EXEMPT BUSINESS

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Burton seconded by Councillor Evans and AGREED

THAT In view of the confidential nature of the remaining exempt items of business to be considered, this is dealt with In Committee in the absence of the press and members of the public.