

RECREATION AND PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

10 JUNE 2008

Present: Chairman: Councillor Parsons
The Town Mayor: Councillor Beinhorn

Councillors: Mrs Burton Callow Evans
 Mrs S Evans A R Taylor
 C S Winchcombe

Officers: Simon Fisher – Deputy Town Clerk
 Heather Bond

Members of the Public: Nil

67. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 27 May 2008 having been circulated to all Members were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

68. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Gudgeon and Smith.

69. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no apologies for absence.

70. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were three members of the public present, Mr Ody, Mr and Mrs Norton.

71. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – VENUES INCOME FIGURES

The Deputy Town Clerk clarified the updated position regarding the new computer bookings package.

72. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – VENUES – CUSTOMER SATISFACTION FEEDBACK

The committee wished the venues staff and Mrs Latham to be thanked for their continued hard work, but felt that the “facilities suitable and comfortable” let the figures down.

73. REPORT FOR DECISION – PLACEMENT OF PUBLIC ART

Councillor C S Winchcombe asked if Mr Norton could remind the committee of the sculpture that has been commissioned.

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Mr Norton explained the sculpture and that the bronze section is now almost finished and that it was envisaged that it would be available for installation during August.

Councillor A R Taylor said how pleased he was that Mr Norton had decided to rekindle the idea of donating public art.

It was proposed by Councillor C S Winchcombe, seconded by Councillor Leighton and UNANIMOUSLY agreed

THAT the committee agrees that Albion Place is a suitable site for the placement of a sculpture, which is to be presented to the town by Mr Patrick Norton.

AND THAT a review of Albion Place is brought to this committee as a future date.

74. REPORT FOR DECISION – WINDSOR DRIVE ALLOTMENTS: DOG SITUATION

It was proposed by Councillor A R Taylor seconded by Councillor Callow and UNANIMOUSLY agreed

THAT Devizes Town Council reminds tenants that no animals (including dogs are allowed on site regardless of them being kept under control, if the owner ignores this ask them to vacate immediately under clause 4, also that the Chairman of the Allotment Association is asked to ensure that this is adhered to.

75. QUESTION TIME

Councillor Mrs Burton asked if a future agenda item could be brought regarding the litter on the Green.

Councillor Mrs Evans asked what was happening regarding the few unkempt plots at Quakers Walk allotments; the Deputy Town Clerk advised that letters had been sent out to the allotment holders concern today.

Councillor C S Winchcombe asked what the Town Council's policy is on the use of remote control boats on the Crammer; the Deputy Town Clerk replied that he was not aware of any policy regarding this issue.

Councillor C S Winchcombe also asked about the condition of the signage on the Green, which is appalling; the Deputy Town Clerk replied that staff had been instructed to clean them, but this issue would be brought to a future meeting for the committee to decide if it wished for the signs to be redesigned.

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Councillor Parsons asked if the committee was aware that litter picking had now gone onto the summer rota.

CHAIRMAN