



Ross-on-Wye Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee

held on Tuesday 9th October 2018 at 7.00pm

at The Corn Exchange, High Street, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire, HR9 5HL

Present: Councillors R Mayo (Chairman) N Gibbs, P Symonds and J Utting
Ex-officio Member: Councillor V Coker

In attendance: Mrs S Robson – Town Clerk, Miss A Partridge – Administration and Finance Assistant
There were two members of the public present and no members of the press

A18/10#80 Apologies for Absence

Councillor H Bramer, Councillor R Gibbs and Councillor D Lister

RESOLVED – to accept apologies given

A18/10#81 Declarations of Interest

None

A18/10#82 Dispensations

None

A18/10#83 Public Participation

Representatives from the Friends of St Mary's Church addressed the Members to give an update on the floodlighting around St Marys Church. Several options are being considered to improve the lighting using the existing infrastructure. The Committee thanked the Friends of St Mary's for their work and agreed to look at adding this as one of their projects for 2019/2020 budget.

7.30pm Members of the public left the meeting

A18/10#84 To resolve to exclude members of the press and public

To agree any items to be dealt with after the public (including the press) have been excluded as publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

No confidential items for discussion

A18/10#85 Amenities Committee Meeting - Minutes

To confirm and sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 11th September 2018.

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Amenities Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 11th September 2018 be signed as a correct record.

A18/10#86 Action Review Summary

To receive and review outstanding Actions Summary.

Members received an update on a number of outstanding items.

- Ropewalk Access Road – discussions are on-going with the Rowing Club. It was noted that the Clerk will be seeking further advice.
- Grit Bin Policy – further information was provided to the Committee – it was agreed not to go ahead with the Policy due to the cost and on-going maintenance commitments.

RESOLVED – to receive and note the report.

A18/10#87 Town Clerk's Report – to receive and note update from the Town Clerk (for information only)

- Riverside Information Board –
- the information board has been completed and will soon be ready for installation by the team at AONB.
- Skatepark – It was proposed to keep the wooden fencing around the skate park and to replace any damaged fencing when necessary. The art work has been completed, there has been positive feedback about the design
- The Bandstand – The Electric box has now been moved inside the bandstand to resolve the issue of water getting inside the box.
- The Prospect – Balfour Beatty has been informed of the potholes on the footpaths – a request has been made to repair them prior to the Remembrance Events

RESOLVED – to receive and note the report.

A18/10#88 Budget

To receive and note the current budget report for YTD figures 2018/2019

RESOLVED – to receive and note the report.

A18/10#89 Grounds Maintenance Contract

To consider options for managing the Council's Open Spaces in relation to grounds maintenance

RESOLVED – to defer the item pending further investigations

A18/10#90 To approve purchase of Memorial Tree to commemorate the centenary of the end of WWI

The Committee was informed that the Mayor wishes to donate a 20 foot Quercus Robur (Red Oak). Members discussed several options regarding the proposed location of a Memorial Tree, which included The Prospect and The Rope Walk. It was proposed to speak to Balfour Beatty and The Tree Warden and to report back to the next meeting.

RESOLVED – to receive and note the report.

A18/10#91 Correspondence for consideration and response.

- i) Application for Memorial Bench at Caroline Symonds Gardens

Proposed: Councillor R Mayo
Unanimous

Seconded: Councillor N Gibbs

RESOLVED – to approve the request for a memorial bench opposite the Bandstand.

ii) Application for a Memorial Tree at the arboretum in Caroline Symonds Gardens

Members expressed some concern at the potential size of an oak at the location and agreed to seek advice from Tree Warden on other suitable locations for a new arboretum. It was also agreed to gather information as to suitable species that could be planted that will thrive in the soil and conditions at the sites.

Proposed: Councillor J Utting
Unanimous

Seconded: Councillor V Coker

RESOLVED – to accept the application and consider a suitable location.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:25pm

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Chairman

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Date