

## Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the Leisure and Youth Committee held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Malmesbury on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2007 at 7.00pm.

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**Present:** Cllrs Cox, Denley, Killane, Sanderson, Thomas and Woodcock

**Public Participation:** No members of the public were present

**Apologies:** Cllr Miss E Davis, Goldstone

**Declarations of interest:** none

### 10. Minutes

Cllr Cox referred to item 5 on page 2 and advised that he had met briefly with Cllr Thomas to discuss ideas for the Cloister Garden, which included using the space occasionally for live music and drama. Preparations should take place this year in readiness for next year, which would include:

- Installing an electrical point.
- Sourcing portable stage blocks and toilet facilities.
- Seeking permission to lift the alcohol ban.
- Seeking permission from the owners of the Cloister Garden.

It was agreed that the Committee Clerk will make further enquiries with NWDC or the police to establish what formalities have to be followed to lift the alcohol ban.

Cllr Killane referred to item 8 on page 3 and advised that the White Lion Park Recreation Ground opening day will now take place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2007 at 2pm.

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the Leisure & Youth Committee held on the 24th May 2007 be received and adopted.

### 11. Reeds Farm Proposals

The Committee Clerk updated members as follows:

- A survey form was sent to 430 households on Reeds Farm and 20 on Minot Close on the 11<sup>th</sup> June.
- To date 74 replies have been received which represents approximately 16% of forms sent out.
- The clear winner on the survey was a multi-court with older play equipment not far behind.
- Most surveys were positive but some residents whose properties backed on to the space expressed concerns relating to noise, vandalism and anti social behaviour.
- The Action for Children on Reeds Farm group had also expressed concerns and indicated that they would prefer the space to be left as it is and would prefer just a small amount of wooden trail type equipment to be installed.
- A significant section of the residents had highlighted the need for equipment for younger children.

Cllr Sanderson advised that he had met with Mike Hasted of NWDC on site and he had confirmed that the adoption of land from NWDC would be possible.

Cllr Killane stated that it was very important that MTC communicates the results of the survey to residents. In addition the children of Reeds Farm should be engaged in the process if NWDC advise that funds will be available.

It was agreed that if the Reeds Farm proposal is to be included in the NWDC Play Strategy and funds are available, then families will be invited to a public meeting. This will be proposed by Cllr Sanderson at the next Council meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> July, if NWDC has made a favourable decision before then.

## **12. White Lion Park Recreation Ground – Cllr S Killane**

Cllr Killane updated members as follows:

- Playdale will start work on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July pegging out where the equipment will go. The WLRA will inspect this on Monday evening.
- The work should take 2 or 3 weeks.
- The opening day has been arranged for Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July and Rupert Evelyn of ITV will be in attendance. The Town Crier will also be invited to attend. Leaflets will be given out to local residents publicising the event.
- Following the open day children will be invited to design a new sign for the park and the Malmesbury River Valleys Trust will be helping to plant trees.
- The dog exclusion order, which is now in place, seems to working well.

Cllr Sanderson advised that he had been approached by the landlord of The Red Bull, to see if the old play equipment can be donated to them. Cllr Woodcock expressed concerns about this and stressed that MTC should take the necessary steps to ensure that there is no future legal liability relating to the equipment.

## **13. Youth Café – Cllr Miss E Davis**

Cllr Cox advised in Cllr Miss Davis's absence that Cllr Davis had carried out some research and would be contacting Mrs Margaret Lamb, a local resident and youth leader in Bristol. Some discussion took place and the following points were made:

- Le Flambe should be investigated as a suitable venue.
- The café could be a drop in centre for elderly residents during the day.
- The Youth Pastor at Malmesbury Abbey could provide some useful input.

It was agreed that the committee clerk should contact Cllr Miss Davis for a copy of her findings so that they may be attached to the minutes for reference.

## **14. Committee Clerk's report**

The committee clerk distributed a written report (copy attached). With reference to the report the following key points were raised:

- The sub committee should look at making improvements to St Aldhelm's Mead to include the football pitch.
- As well as concentrating on younger people, this committee should not neglect the needs/requirements of older people within the community.

## **15. Correspondence**

The following letter was received and can be inspected in the Council Offices:

- Letter from Mrs Halsey dated 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2007 expressing concerns about the future enhancement of Cuckingstool Mead in the light of recent anti social behaviour in the vicinity.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.