

Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the Leisure and Youth Committee held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Malmesbury on 27th November 2007 at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs Denley, Killane, Sanderson, Thomas, Woodcock

Non attendance: Cllrs Miss E Davis, Goldstone

Public Participation: No members of the public were present

Apologies: Cllr Cox

Declarations of interest: None

31. Minutes

Resolved that the Minutes of the Leisure & Youth Committee held on the 18th October 2007 be received and adopted.

32. Malmesbury Youth Café

Cllr Sanderson pointed out that he was aware of other towns with well used and successful Youth Cafes and that the committee should consider continuing to pursue the idea.

Resolved that the committee clerk will write to Cllr Miss Davis to establish whether she wishes to continue researching this idea and if not it can be passed to another committee member.

33. Cloister Gardens/St Aldhelm's Mead Sub-Committee report

Cloister Gardens

Cllr Thomas advised that there was little to report as Cllr Cox is away on holiday. However they had managed to look at the bank adjacent to the Abbey steps, and agreed that although the shrubbery did act as a screen it was unsightly.

The committee clerk advised that the maintenance operatives had considered clearing the bank but felt that the work required would be too difficult as they would have to remove a substantial amount of undergrowth with their limited equipment and transport.

Resolved that the committee clerk will obtain quotes for the work, for consideration by the committee.

St Aldhelm's Mead

Cllr Killane advised that he met with Playdale at St Aldhelm's Mead and several suggestions were made including:

- A fence with gates to separate the younger children's area from the older children's equipment.
- The addition of one more piece of equipment in the younger area such as a roundabout.
- The addition of one more piece of equipment in the older area such as a spider's web climbing frame or the new "i Play" which is internet linked and is aimed at engaging teenagers.
- A multi court, which could be located where the current football pitch is.
- In view of the cost the equipment could be added in stages.

Cllr Killane advised that they also visited Reeds Farm and agreed that a multi court could be situated where the children are currently playing football. They also visited Newnton Grove and agreed that equipment for ball sports would not be suitable for this play area because of

the close proximity of houses. They suggested an obstacle course down one side, suitable for older children.

34. Newnton Grove Play Area

Cllr Sanderson advised that Westlea Housing Association have agreed to provide additional seating and a litter bin. They will also be installing the missing piece of fencing shortly. The ROSPA report has also been sent to Westlea for their attention. Cllr Sanderson advised that he has had discussions about the running costs of the play area with the Town Clerk who pointed out that grass cutting at the site was already part of the maintenance operatives duties. Therefore there should be no additional cost to be added to the precept, if we adopted the play area. However to avoid any further increase to the precept the addition of any new equipment should not be considered until at least 2009.

Cllr Killane suggested that Malmesbury Town Council should attempt to involve the local community in raising money for new equipment and offer match funding as an incentive to raise money.

Resolved that the town council propose the adoption of the play area to Policy & Resources and subsequently to full council as and when the play area has been brought up to standard.

35. Committee Clerk's report

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

- Cllr Woodcock advised that the wood was splitting on the front of one of the benches in the Cloister Gardens. The Committee Clerk agreed to refer this to the maintenance operatives for repair.
- Cllr Killane pointed out that the "coin racing" piece of equipment at Newnton Grove could prove to be difficult to maintain and consideration should therefore be given to removing it before the play area is adopted.
- A response had still not been received from NWDC regarding the tree planting and footpath for White Lion Park Recreation ground. The committee clerk agreed to contact NWDC as soon as possible to obtain an answer.

36. Budget Proposal for the Fiscal Year 1 April 2008 – 31 March 2009

A draft budget report was distributed to those present.

Resolved that the sum of £5060 be placed before the Policy and Resources Committee, in accordance with the attached draft budget for the fiscal year 1 April 2008 – 31 March 2009. In addition any unspent balance from the fiscal year 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008 be carried over to the fiscal year 2008 – 2009.

37. Correspondence

No correspondence received.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.

MALMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL DRAFT BUDGET 2008-09

LEISURE & YOUTH	Agreed 2007-08	Proposed 2008-09	Notes
EXPENDITURE			
Administration			
Water Charges	110	110	
ROSPA Inspection	350	350	
Lighting	100	100	L&Y Committee 30/11/2006
Maintenance and cleaning	2000	1000	L&Y Committee 30/11/2006
Improvements	3000	1000	L&Y Committee 30/11/2006
Grass Cutting	1500	1500	L&Y Committee 30/11/2006
Projects White Lion Park	0	0	
Projects Cloister Gardens	0	0	
Tree surgery	3000	1000	Additional Tree surgery etc
Projects - Cloister Gardens Phase 2	3000	0	L&Y Committee 30/11/2006
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		5060	
INCOME			
Grants & Donations	0	0	
Other Misc. Income	0	0	
TOTAL INCOME	0	0	
Balance to Precept or Reserves	13060	5060	