

Malmesbury Town Council

Town Hall
Malmesbury
Wiltshire
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2nd January 2009

You are summoned to a meeting of the Leisure and Youth Committee to be held on the 8th January 2009 in the Malting Room, Malmesbury Town Hall at 7pm

Jeff Penfold
Town Clerk

To all members of the Leisure and Youth Committee

Cllr A Carnegie
Cllr S Killane
Cllr A Stamp

Cllr S Cox
Cllr J Lawton
Cllr M Thomas

Cllr P Dove
Cllr R Sanderson

A G E N D A

Public participation

1. Apologies.
2. To receive declarations of interest in accordance with the Local Council's (Model Code of conduct) Order 2007.
3. To receive and consider the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on the 20th November 2008.
4. To consider the decision of Action for Children on Reeds Farm attached as Report no. 1
5. To consider the opportunity provided by the Sustrans cycling/footpath project attached as Report no. 2
6. To consider a report on the Malmesbury YMCA Project attached as Report no.3
7. To consider a report on the provision of allotments/community orchard for Malmesbury attached as Report no.4
8. Cloister Gardens Music Events – discussion only (see attached correspondence)
9. St Aldhelm's Mead – New All inclusive Equipment / Toilets – discussion only

10. Newton Grove Play Area – discussion only
11. White Lion Park Play Area – discussion only
12. Correspondence

Report No.1

Report to Leisure & Youth Committee 8th January 2009.

Reeds Farm Play Area – Equipment Supplier

1. Background

- 1.1 Consultation with local residents has culminated in a decision to choose “Playdale” as the preferred supplier of play equipment at Reeds Farm. (Please see the attached “Final Design Report”.)
- 1.2 A post tender meeting was held with Mike Hasted, David Stirling, Cllr Ray Sanderson, Claire Edmeston, Phil Rice and Cllr Simon Killane. The group agreed to select Playdale as the preferred supplier. (See the attached minutes).
- 1.3 A meeting has been arranged to meet with a representative of Playdale to iron out the final details of the scheme.
- 1.4 The lease of the land has been verbally agreed and is currently going through the legal process. (Please see attached correspondence from the legal department at NWDC.)

2. Proposal

- 2.1 That consideration is given to the Action for Children on Reeds Farm’s decision to choose Playdale as the preferred supplier.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no direct financial implications at this stage.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 The instructions of the Leisure & Youth Committee are requested.

Report No.2

Report to Leisure & Youth Committee 8th January 2009.

Path Watch Sustrans cycling/footpath project

1. Background

- 1.1 The idea of creating a cycleway along the disused Malmesbury branch railway from Malmesbury to Little Somerford was first considered by Sustrans in 2003 after local residents contacted its then chairman John Grimshaw and showed him the route.
- 1.2 Discussions with landowners subsequently took place but there appeared to be insufficient interest among landowners in order to make further progress.
- 1.3 However, following local consultation and as part of the negotiations with Cowbridge site developers, a Section 106 agreement was reached under which the Minton Group paid North Wilts District Council £25,000 as a “contribution to Sustrans for the construction within 5 years from the grant of planning permission of a cycle route between the vicinity of the land and centre of Malmesbury”. This money was received by NWDC in September 2007.

2. Proposal

- 2.1 That consideration is given to ways in which the Town Council may be able to provide support for this scheme.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no direct financial implications at this stage.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 The instructions of the Leisure & Youth Committee are requested.

17th December 2008.

Report No.3

Report to Leisure & Youth Committee 8th January 2009.

YMCA Project

1. Background

- 1.1 Cllrs, Steve Cox, Catherine Doody, Charles Vernon and Simon Killane had an informal meeting with Mike Fairbeard (Chief Executive of Bath YMCA) on Friday the 21st of November.
- 1.2 Mr Fairbeard gave a brief overview of the YMCA and its activities. He explained the history of the fund and its link with Malmesbury.
- 1.3 It was agreed that the Leisure and Youth Committee of Malmesbury Town Council is best placed to coordinate activities that will allow the money to be spent.
- 1.4 It was requested that Mr Fairbeard provide a one page brief on the fund. (See attached brief.)

2. Proposal

- 2.1 That consideration is given to the contents of the YMCA brief, to ensure that best use is made of the fund for the benefit of Malmesbury

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no direct financial implications at this stage.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 The instructions of the Leisure & Youth Committee are requested.

,Report No.4

Report to Leisure and Youth Committee 8th January 2009.

Allotments/Community Orchard

1. Background

- 1.1 30 – 40 families are estimated to be waiting for an allotment in Malmesbury. It is difficult to be precise as names are added on a daily basis to lists, also names may be duplicated on the Harpers' Lane and Foxley Road lists. It is estimated that 28 people/families are on the Harpers' Lane list and 7 on the Foxley Road list.
- 1.2 In accordance with the 1908 Smallholding & Allotments Act a minimum of 6 people need to be waiting before steps have to be taken by a Town Council to investigate the provision of allotments. Though various parts of this Act have since been repealed, the minimum number to act has not.
- 1.3 "Walk to Dinner!" campaign members are now holding meetings, on top of their e-mail contact, and are organising themselves into a formal group – choosing a name and officers so that they will be able to apply for funding.
- 1.4 The campaign group includes many experts who will be able to take on land from scratch, i.e. turn an empty / overgrown field into usable plots.
- 1.5 The group believe land is required near to where people live which will allow people to easily visit their plot daily and this is especially important for families with young children, who may want to tie in the weeding with the school run. Using the fields next to current housing would also help maintain our "green belt" / define our boundary. The ultimate aim of the group is for Malmesbury to feed itself from its hinterland, but a start would be to provide for those families already waiting.
- 1.6 The group hope to hold promotional and fund-raising events in early 2009 and would very much like to have land by this stage
- 1.7 The group believe that community orchards, manned by volunteers, also fall under the "local food production" ideal, including fruit and nut trees. The group understand that fruit and nut trees may be suitable for riverside sites prone to flooding.

2. Proposal

- 2.1 As the "Walk to Dinner!" group have already expressed that the Cuckingstool site may not be suitable for allotments due to flooding the site should be considered for a community orchard following further research regarding flooding and environmental issues.
- 2.2 The Town Council should continue to make enquiries with land owners to seek a suitable site for allotments.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no direct financial implications at this stage.

4 Recommendation

- 4.1 The Committee Clerk makes further enquiries as to the suitability of the Cuckingstool Mead site for a community orchard and following these enquiries and if appropriate submits an application to the Environment Agency for Flood Defence Consent.

17th December 2008

