

Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the Leisure & Youth Committee Meeting held at Malmesbury Town Hall on Wednesday 23 September 2009 at 7pm.

Present: Councillor: S Cox (Chair), P Dove, S Killane, J R Lawton and R F Sanderson

Apologies: Councillor A C R Woodcock

Absent: Councillor A Carnegie

Also Present: Four members of the public including the youth leader (all part of meeting)

10 Public Question Time
None other than at the appropriate issue.

11 Declarations of Interest
None

12 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the Leisure and Youth Committee meeting held on the 2 July 2009 as circulated, be received and adopted.

13. To receive a report on the Income and Expenditure of the committee, attached as Report No.1.
The content of the report were discussed. Monies earmarked for this committee is currently £19891 with £9k allocated to skateboarding in 2005.

Members outlined where possible funds could be spent subject to prioritising including:

- Graffiti wall **ACTION CLLR LAWTON TO OBTAIN INFORMATION**
- Improvements at St Aldhelm's Mead – see later in minutes
- As a side issue Cllr Lawton had met a tree surgeon by chance who mentioned that some of the poplars in the Mead will need surgery within next two to three years and Cllr Dove will obtain some informal but suitable information prior to our obtaining a quote **ACTION CLLR DOVE**

Some time ago we made an unsuccessful request for grant funding for fencing and we should perhaps resurrect this but details of quotes etc previously obtained will be useful. **ACTION PHIL RICE**

14. Allotments /Shared Gardens
We are keen to use Cuckingstool Mead for allotments following the work already done and we firstly to obtain guidelines on the mechanics and legal issues although a former employee had done significant research some time ago. **ACTION PHIL RICE**

On shared gardens, members are keen to increase awareness perhaps by way of the website and next newsletter.

- 15 To receive an Update on the Sustrans Project**
Cllr Cox has had discussion on this and it appears two major landowners would have to be involved, one of whom seems minded to request changes which could mean the construction of a bridge to take the cycle path in a perhaps less obvious route. Malmesbury & The Villages is also involved and discussions continue.
- 16 Getting Malmesbury moving.**
The chair was pleased to report that the Carnival 10km run this year had seen 74 entrants compared to 20 in 2008. A member of staff of the Activity Zone was prepared to organise an event in 2010 and the chair will continue discussions with him and other interested parties. **ACTION CLLR COX**
- 17 Playgrounds**
The concerns regarding the Reeds Farm Play Area seem to have ceased and users seem satisfied with the facility although little progress has been seen on the dog ban and we are to chase. **ACTION PHIL RICE**
There are also no concerns at White Lion Park whilst we are still not minded to take on Newton Grove although Cllr Killane expects to hear of developments on this site shortly. There are however some trees on this site that need to be removed.
- 18 Application for Grant Aid**
Discussed at length and an application will be sent tomorrow ahead of 25 September deadline. **ACTION PHIL RICE**
- 19 YMCA project**
Not discussed at length other than re the skateboard issues below.
- 20 News about Skate Park / Youth Club**
The youth leader, two skaters and a parent attended the meeting and a long discussion took place.

Initially a brief history of the skate board issue was covered and the main points are:

- £65k earmarked by former NWDC now held by Wiltshire Council
- Half pipe site behind youth centre but it needs to be 50 metres from housing and is only 47. One complainant is vocal.
- This summer some ramps were built which are not RoSPA sanctioned
- There was an incident regarding rubbish in the river blamed on the youth centre members and when council staff investigated they ordered the closure of the ramps
- Could put a facility inside the youth centre but this does not meet needs

The meeting then went on to cover the following:

- A local land owner has said he would make land available and the youth who advised us will discuss this with the landowner in conjunction with Cllr Sanderson and Phil Rice **ACTION CLLR SANDERSON AND PHIL RICE**
- Cllr Lawton will again cover the availability of a barn in Foxley Road with a local landowner **ACTION CLLR LAWTON**
- Cllr Sanderson will also examine whether a local football facility would be feasible. **ACTION CLLR SANDERSON**
- A meeting to be held at the Youth Centre on 15 October at 7pm to take this forward **ACTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm