

## Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the Leisure & Youth Committee Meeting held at Malmesbury Town Hall on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at 7pm.

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**Present:** Councillor: S Cox (Chair)  
Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor Mrs C C Doody  
Councillors P Dove, S Killane, J R Lawton and A C R Woodcock

**Apologies:** Councillors A Carnegie and R F Sanderson

**Also Present:** Malmesbury Youth Leader.

### **21. Public Question Time**

No questions raised..

### **22. Declarations of Interest**

Councillors S Cox and P Dove declared a pecuniary interest in Item 9 on the agenda.

### **23. Minutes**

Resolved that the minutes of the Leisure and Youth Committee meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2009 as circulated, be received and adopted.

### **24. Update on items from the Minutes**

*Graffiti wall* Councillor Lawton still awaiting information.

*Allotments* Letters had been received expressing concerns and objections to the use of Cuckingstool Mead for allotment land.

*Sustrans* Councillor Cox reported that the Sustrans Project was still proceeding and further information would be available in due course.

*YMCA* The survey questionnaires for the YMC Project had been distributed and replies were awaited.

*Skate Park* Wiltshire Council are seeking funding for the youth centre to include a skate park facility but they may introduce temporary measures by utilising an empty barn.

### **25. Income and Expenditure**

The committee noted the report on income and expenditure and considered the budget requirements for 2009/2010. It was RESOLVED that the Policy and Resources Committee be informed that the budgetary requirements for the next civic year would be the same as for the current year with the addition of a further £150 for ROSPA inspections and an increase of £150 for grass cutting.

### **26. Improvements to Public Open Space**

The Town Clerk reported that funding from a local development had been made available for improving the St Aldhelm's Mead open space and outlined the conditions attached. It was RESOLVED that the funding be used to undertake the

repairs indicated in Report No.3 and the balance added to funding secured from the Play Builder grant to secure any additional play equipment.

**27. St Aldhelm's Mead**

The Town Clerk presented Report No.4 in which he outlined the repairs considered necessary at St Aldhelm's Mead to footpaths and fencing, especially around the play equipment. In addition, the large poplar trees were in need of attention in order to reduce their height to a manageable level. It was RESOLVED that the Town Clerk proceed with the lowest quotes received and contact the Wiltshire Council to ascertain if the cost of the works could be taken from the funds allocated for the improvement of the public open space as reported at Minute 26. It was further RESOLVED that a report be presented to the next meeting of the committee with a view to opening the Cuckingstool Mead for general use by the public from spring 2010.

**28. Play Builder Grant**

The Town Clerk reported that the sum of £5,000 had been received in respect of the application made for funding under the Play Builder scheme. Report No.4 outlined the conditions attached to the grant and a letter from the Wiltshire official dealing with the application was presented to the committee. It was RESOLVED that Councillor Killane would contact the relevant officer to determine the level of public consultation required and that the Town Clerk investigate if the grant could be added to any funding available to improve the public open space referred to in Minute 26.

**29. Reinstatement to St Aldhelm's Mead**

The Town Clerk informed the committee of the urgent repairs undertaken to the St Aldhelm's Mead following the damage caused by heavy vehicle movements, all of which were associated with the use of the Mead for Picnic in the Park. The deep ruts had been filled to prevent trip hazards during the bonfire celebrations but more work is required. It was RESOLVED that the expenditure to date be noted and that the Carnival Committee be contacted to establish what actions they will take to reinstate the area before any further money from the bond is spent by the Town Council.

**The meeting closed at 8.30 pm**