

Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the Leisure & Youth Committee Meeting held at Malmesbury Town Hall on Wednesday 7 January 2010 at 7pm.

Present: Councillor: S Cox (Chair), A Carnegie, P Dove, S Killane, J R Lawton, R F Sanderson, A C R Woodcock

Apologies: -

Absent: -

Also Present:

30 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None.

31 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

32 MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the Leisure and Youth Committee meeting held on the 12 November 2009 as circulated, be received and adopted.

43. TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE OF THE COMMITTEE, ATTACHED AS REPORT NO.1.

The accounts were examined and no action is required.

34. TO RECEIVE A REVIEW OF THE YEAR FROM THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE AND DETERMINE PRIORITIES FOR THE NEXT CIVIC YEAR.

Cllr. Cox said that he thought it important that the brief of the committee should be flexible, and that activities like last year's 10K Carnival Fun Run were a way of doing something different to encourage people in the town to get active. In the future other such initiatives could be welcome .He also wondered if a quote could be obtained to produce a power supply to Cloister Gardens, to make it more accessible.

It was also agreed that a play park for the Filands development should be aimed at older children rather than younger ones.

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

35 TO RECEIVE A VERBAL REPORT ON VARIOUS INITIATIVES REGARDING ST ALDHELM'S MEAD AND DETERMINE THE WAY FORWARD

Members agreed that the first priority is maintenance to attend to the problems of the path, fencing and the poplars and to get quotes for the work that needed doing. Chair informed members that the Town Clerk met a conservation officer and that maybe a gradual pollarding might be the way forward. Cllr Dove questioned whether the trees needed to be pollarded and stated that Nigel de Berker (Wessex Tree Consultancy 01225 891730) could be worth consulting. Discussion took place about Cuckingstool Mead and how to make it more accessible, and members wondered whether a dog ban for this area might be appropriate. Cllr Lawton said that he thought it would be a good idea for a year just to leave the gates open, and get people used to the idea that the area could be used, but not for a while put any picnic tables in and just do things gradually which members supported. Cllr Lawton

also proposed that that the park gates should be widened to make the park more accessible, it was resolved that a quote be found for this work. The chair reported on the idea of having a five-a-side pitch in the main park area and he also stated that he would like to see a multi purpose ball park there, but he felt this would be at present too expensive. Cllr Killane suggested using Performance Reward Scheme to see if money could be sourced this way. The chair will investigate this.

36 TO RECEIVE A VERBAL REPORT FROM CLLR KILLANE ON PROGRESS ON THE YMCA CONSULTATIONS

Cllr Killane reported on the progress of YMCA consultations and indicated that the results would be forthcoming soon.

37 THE PROPOSED SKATEBOARD PARK – PROGRESS ON INITIATIVES

It had not been possible to speak to the Youth Leader about developments regarding a skate park and/or the use of the barn on Foxley Road. Cllr Sanderson said he would try and arrange a meeting with Mark Jones of Fielder and Jones, when any interested parties could examine the barn as a possible venue for youth activities.

38 TO RECEIVE A VERBAL REPORT ON THE BRIDGES TRAIL

The Bridges Project was progressing; a problem the chair explained was finding appropriate routes to Backbridge. Cllr Sanderson said that he should consult a local landowner to see if he would sanction using paths on the other side of the riverbank.

39 THE SUSTRANS PROJECT – PROGRESS AND NEXT STEPS.

The Chair advised that the Sustrans project seems to be progressing.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.