

FORDBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND RECREATION
COMMITTEE HELD ON 9TH JANUARY 2017

PRESENT: Councillor F.V. Nash (in the Chair)
P. Allen
H. Bennett-Watson
M. Blackburn
K. Dooley
C. McLaughlin
S. McLaughlin
F.A. Nash
L. Sorrell

1. APOLOGIES

An apology for non-attendance from Councillor Kimberley was received and noted.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest made by members relating to items on the agenda.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held 10th October 2016 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the proceedings

4. REPORT BY THE CLERK TO THE COUNCIL: REVIEW OF THE GARDEN COMPETITION 2016 AND PRESENTATION EVENING

The Clerk submitted a report asking members to review last year's competition and presentation evening. He highlighted the issue of increasing the number of entries to the competition and reported the views of some prize winners regarding a preference for presentation evenings staged at the Fordbridge Centre

RESOLVED i) that all members be again urged to nominate at least one new garden
ii) that additional means of advertising the competition be explored and utilised
iii) that the existing presentation arrangements be retained for the 2017 competition

5. REVIEW OF THE DECISION TO CEASE PROVISION OF THE FORDBRIDGE PRIZE

The Clerk reported that both the CTC Academy and Fordbridge Primary School had been invited to submit nominations for the Fordbridge Prize in 2016 and supplied the relevant details. He also confirmed that no reply had been received from either school. He also reminded members that only these two schools had responded to the Council on this matter when initially proposed. The CTC Academy had indicated that it now had a potential nominee(s) and members were invited to reconsider its decision to cease provision of the prize.

RESOLVED i) that the Fordbridge Prize be re-introduced on a trial basis for 2017
ii) that all primary and secondary schools in Fordbridge be invited to send nominations

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEVELOPMENT OF GATEWAY SITES AND PLANTING OF SHRUB BEDS IN ARDERNE DRIVE

Members were invited to consider planting shrub beds in Arderne Drive to discourage anti-social behaviour on the land in question

- RESOLVED
- i) that the Clerk write to Solihull M.B.C asking them to develop shrub beds in Arderne Drive to discourage anti-social behaviour
 - ii) that the Town Council offer to meet up to 25% of the development costs but not any ongoing maintenance costs

The meeting closed at 7.35 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN