

FORDBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND RECREATION
COMMITTEE HELD ON 12TH JANUARY 2015

PRESENT: Councillor F.V. Nash (in the Chair)
P. Allen
H. Bennett-Watson
M.G. Hyde
J. Kimberley
C. McLaughlin
F.A. Nash
L. Sorrell

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance from Councillors Dooley and S. McLaughlin were 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 13th October 2014 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the proceedings

4. REPORT BY THE CLERK TO THE COUNCIL: FUN DAY 2015

The Clerk submitted a report asking members to approve the date and remaining arrangements for the 2015 Fun Day including the budget and charges for commercial operators.

RESOLVED that the remaining arrangements for the Fun Day 2015 as set out in Appendix A be approved

5. CONSIDERATION OF WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SOLIHULL
NEIGHBOURHOODS IN BLOOM COMPETITION

The Clerk submitted a report outlining the details of a fact finding meeting regarding working in partnership with Solihull Neighbourhoods in Bloom. The Council would benefit from the higher profile of the borough wide competition and would be able to participate in the overall presentation event, with no cost to the Council. The Council would still determine its own competition and prizes and judging would be unchanged.

RESOLVED that the Council enter into partnership with the Solihull Neighbourhoods in Bloom competition

6. REVIEW OF THE IMPACT AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CHANGES TO THE COUNCIL'S
GARDEN COMPETITION

The Clerk submitted a report detailing the impact of the changes to the competition made by the Council. He recommended that the Council continue with the same format for next year and invite this year's entrants to participate again. He also recommended that the identification of new entries should be a priority

RESOLVED that the Clerk's recommendation be accepted and the existing competition format be retained with entries invited from those gardens which took part in the 2014 competition

7. MILK IN SCHOOLS

The Clerk advised members that the Government had introduced new food based standards into schools from January 2015. These standards include the provision of milk for all children and the Clerk also advised that it was his understanding that the milk will be included with school meals. A lengthy debate took place on the future provision of milk to infant school children by the Council.

RESOLVED that consideration of this matter be deferred and:-

- i) that the Clerk investigate and confirm the position regarding the new procedure for providing milk particularly to those taking their own food to school
- ii) that the Clerk confirm the number of children at each school and how many receive milk
- iii) that the schools be invited to suggest how the Council could help by moving funding to other healthy eating/drinking requirements

8. SOLIHULL SCHOOL ORGANISATION PLAN

The Clerk reported that background information had been sent to all members by email and this was the opportunity for members to consider a response to the consultation on behalf of the Council

RESOLVED that no further action be taken on this matter

9. LITTER

Members were advised of a number of issues relating to the contract for clearing litter on behalf of Solihull M.B.C. and the apparent failure of the contractor to meet the full requirements of their contract

RESOLVED that the contract manager from Amey and the officer responsible from Solihull M.B.C. be invited to attend a meeting for approximately 30 minutes to answer questions from members regarding the contract for clearing litter

10. CARE ACT CONSULTATION

The Clerk reported that background information had been sent to all members by email and this was the opportunity for members to consider a response to the consultation on behalf of the Council.

RESOLVED that no further action be taken on this matter

11. REPORT OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AND DECISIONS TAKEN WITH DELEGATED POWERS

Three Year Temporary Planning Application To Erect A Portacabin On Existing Car Park With Citizens Advice Bureau, Citizens Advice Bureau, Bosworth Drive

No objections were raised by members. In accordance with the provisions of Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Clerk decided to raise no objections.

Ground Floor Rear Extension, 28 Leyburn Road

No objections were raised by members. In accordance with the provisions of Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Clerk decided to raise no objections.

Two Storey Side Extension, 18 Newby Grove

No objections were raised by members. In accordance with the provisions of Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Clerk decided to raise no objections.

Erect 27 No. Flats And Associated Parking, Cooks Lane/Tower Croft

No objections were raised by members. In accordance with the provisions of Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Clerk decided to raise no objections.

The meeting closed at 7.55 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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APPENDIX A

FUN DAY 2015

Date: Sunday 2nd August 2015

Main attractions:-

1. Disco (cost £100.00)
2. Craft table organised by Council (budget £50.00)

Other activities/services:-

1. Food and other refreshments (charge £20)
2. Ice cream van (charge £25)