

FORDBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND RECREATION
COMMITTEE HELD ON 13TH OCTOBER 2014

PRESENT: Councillor F.V. Nash (in the Chair)
P. Allen
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 30th June 2014 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the proceedings

4. REVIEW OF THE FUN DAY

The Clerk submitted a report inviting members to consider issues that had arisen following this year's Fun Day. He also advised members that it was an opportunity to discuss any other matters of concern whilst they were fresh in the memory. Members discussed a number of issues at some length

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

5. 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 this year's 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. The question of involvement with the wider Solihull Neighbourhoods in Bloom (S.N.I.B.) and its possible benefit to the Council was also discussed.

RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Committee and the Clerk meet with Solihull M.B.C. on a fact finding mission regarding S.N.I.B. and report back to the Council

6. PROPOSAL BY "THE YOUR WILDLIFE PROJECT"

Outline proposals by the "Your Wildlife Project" to provide a wild garden, shrubs, seating and a gravel path in the grounds of the Fordbridge Centre were submitted to the meeting.

RESOLVED that the proposals as submitted be approved and the development be located between the Christmas tree and bed of rose bushes as indicated in the outline drawings

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

District Heating Plant Room And Associated Flue In The Grounds Of Bangor House And Keele House To Serve Bangor, Keele, Westham And Wedgewood House And Associated Heating Pipeline Between Keele And Westham And Wedgewood House, Bangor House, Forth 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.

District Heating Plant Room And Associated Flue In The Grounds Of Keble House, 1 Keble House, Moat 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.

Erect Ramp To Front Entrance, 121 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.

First Floor Cantilevered Side Extension To Form Additional Bedroom, 40 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.

8. REPORT OF DECISIONS TAKEN BY EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE WITH DELEGATED POWERS

The Clerk submitted a report, for members' information, detailing the decisions taken with delegated powers by the Events Sub-Committee. The detailed information is set out in Appendix B.

9. CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING A DECISION TAKEN BY EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE IN RESPECT OF THE CHAIRMAN'S CHARITY DANCE 2015

The Clerk reported that the singer identified by the Events Sub-Committee would charge £150 rather than the fee proposed by the Sub-Committee. The Clerk also reported that the total cost of entertainment would still be within the figure agreed by the Council.

RESOLVED that the recommendation of the Sub-Committee be accepted and a singer charging £150 be engaged to perform at the Charity Dance 2015

The meeting closed at 7.50 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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APPENDIX A

FUN DAY 2015

1. Retain all attractions from 2014 including TS Stirling Sea Scouts
2. Allow up to eight stalls with a charge of £15 to commercial users. Charge for fund raising groups to be unchanged. Groups providing public information/leaflets to be allowed in addition to the eight stalls
3. Potential stall holders to be approached immediately after Christmas including Marston Green Lions with a view to them providing a tombola stall. Users of the Fordbridge Centre to be given priority
4. Solihull M.B.C. to be approached regarding activities raising awareness regarding road safety and environmental awareness.
5. Anita Robinson to be given first refusal to provide food and refreshments and if she is unavailable voluntary groups to be given an opportunity

APPENDIX B

1. CHAIRMAN'S CHARITY DANCE 2015

It was agreed that entertainment at the event be provided by "Pete's Disco" and a singer each charging £100 to perform on the evening.

Council Raffle Prize (Prize Draw)

It was agreed that the Council offer a voucher for the Birmingham Hippodrome to the value of £100 for the separate prize draw