

Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation and Environment Committee held on the **15th April 2009** at 7:30pm in the Parish Office, Neath Hill Local Centre.

Present Cllr Allum (Chair), Cllr Byfield, Cllr Connor, Cllr Foskett, Cllr McMillan, Cllr Stabler, Cllr Tripp. Cllr Macaulay and Cllr Mace observing,

Pete Lindsey (Extended Services) and Angela McGlone (Allotment rep).

1. **Apologies** Councillors consented to the absence of Cllr Brockwell, Cllr Loftus, Cllr Williams and Cllr Rose.
2. **Declaration of members interests** - none declared
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** held on the 10th March 2009 were agreed as a true record; these were proposed by Cllr Tripp and seconded by Cllr Stabler. All agreed
4. **Public Question time** - meeting was adjourned from 7:34pm to 8:08pm to review information provided by Pete Lindsey.
5. **Matters arising** – the agreed policy on dog poo bins was available to handout to residents and to be placed on the website
6. **Financial implications**
 - a. Waterside Festival
 - i. Cllr Connor would provide Cllr Foskett with names for a PA engineers
 - ii. Cllr Byfield would loan the waterside festival gazebos, but would require compensation for any damage
 - b. Urban art
 - i. Cllr Foskett proposed financial support of £250 for this project; it was seconded by Cllr Tripp. Votes were 6 for and 1 against
7. **Downs Barn Sports Facility** – nothing to report
8. **Marsh Drive Sports Facility** - nothing to report
9. **High Street Facility** - nothing to report
10. **Environmental Issues**
 - a. Middleton dog bin and paths have been monitored for 6 weeks there is no issue, of over spill or excessive dog fouling on paths
 - b. Pigeon in clock tower – property company have instructed contractors to deal with the birds
11. **Chairs update** – all projects progressing well

12. Allotments

- a. PM reported most rents collected and vacant plots being re let. Most holders are happy to share their contact details with the Allotment Association. Angela commented that the association would be happy to help with the orchard.

13. Estates

- a. Youth clubs not discussed as resident didn't attend
- b. PM was asked to discuss the issues about Brookward annexe and the potential change of ownership resulting from foundation status.
- c. Downs Barn – concern over area around bus stop Cllr Connor asked to provide details to PM
- d. Neath Hill – issues of paper dumping – PM to contact citizen
- e. Blakelands , photos of issues given to Pm
- f. Conniburrow – thanks to GLPC Chair for time he spent at the opening

14. Date of next meeting will be the 12th May 2009

Date agreed _____

Chair _____