

Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation and Environment Committee held on the **12<sup>th</sup> May 2009** at 7:30pm in the Parish Office, Neath Hill Local Centre.

**Present** Cllr Allum (Chair), Cllr Brockwell, Cllr Connor, Cllr Foskett, Cllr McMillan, Cllr Stabler, Cllr Tripp, Cllr Williams and Cllr Mace observing

Deborah Cooper (Waterside Festival) and Angela McGlone (Allotment rep).

1. **Apologies** Councillors consented to the absence of Cllr Byfield, Cllr Loftus, and Cllr Rose.
2. **Declaration of members interests** - none declared
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** held on the 14<sup>th</sup> April 2009 were agreed as a true record; these were proposed by Cllr Tripp and seconded by Cllr Stabler. All agreed
4. **Public Question time** – no question asked.
5. **Matters arising – Cllr Stabler** asked if there was any progress on the pigeon problem in Neath Hill. Rapleys are using a sub contractor to resolve this issue.
6. **Financial implications**
  - a. Waterside festival
    - i. Cllr Stabler proposed GLPC purchase 4 gazebos. These could then be loaned free to the Waterside festival, used for GLPC own run events and rented to other groups. This was seconded by Cllr Tripp and all agreed
    - ii. Cllr Stabler proposed that the payment for the gazebos (approx £1,000) be taken from bank reserves. This was seconded by Cllr Foskett, , 6 votes for 3 abstentions
  - b. Cllr Stabler proposed that a grant of £402 should be awarded to the Allotment Association. This was seconded by Cllr Tripp and all agreed.
  - c. It was proposed by Cllr Tripp and second by Cllr Foskett , 1 abstention
    - i. PM was asked to write to SGS asking them to take appropriate care when carrying out this job as there and been a complaint.
  - d. Allotment repairs
    - i. Fence repair at Gifford Gate allotments £55
    - ii. Pot holes Neath Hill £45Both quotes were accepted, proposed by Cllr McMillan, seconded by Cllr Foskett all agreed.
  - e. Cllr Trip proposed the purchase of 6000 dog poo bags (net £91.70) seconded by Cllr McMillan and all agreed
7. **Downs Barn Sports Facility** – nothing to report

8. **Marsh Drive Sports Facility** - nothing to report
9. **High Street Facility** - nothing to report
10. **Baseball** at Conniburrow - It was proposed by Cllr Foskett and seconded by Cllr McMillan that the council should be included in this project group – nominations to be confirmed at Full Council. All agreed
11. **Environmental Issues** – nothing to report
12. **Chairs update** – all projects progressing well
13. **Allotments**
  - a. Cllr Tripp proposed the purchase of a new lock and keys for one of the allotments at a cost of £78.15. This was seconded by Cllr Stabler and agreed by all  
  
Cllr Stabler informed the committee that there was progress on Sandy Close allotment. A project working party is required; this should include representatives from the allotment association. Target opening date would be April 2010. PM to organise dates.
14. **Estates**
  - a. PM asked to contact Phil Snell and Play area officer to determine where S106 money for Pennyland has been allocated to. The councillors are not in agreement for play area items should be moved.  
  
PM asked to contact community liaison as removal of play areas is a policy change not communicated to Parish Councils
  - f. PM to report graffiti in Hammond Crst play area
15. **Date of next meeting will be the 9<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

**Date agreed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chair** \_\_\_\_\_