

Minutes of Recreation and Environment Committee held on the **13th October 2009** at 7.30pm in the Parish Office, Neath Hill Local Centre.

Present: Cllr Allum (Chair), Cllr Byfield, Cllr Foskett, Cllr McMillan, Cllr Stabler, Cllr Teesdale (observing), Cllr Tripp, Cllr Williams, Cllr Fitchett (observing)

1. **Apologies** - Councillors consented to the absence of Cllr Akinbusoye
2. **Declaration of Members' interests** – none declared
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** –
 - a. held on 14th July 2009 were agreed as a true record by Cllr Foskett and seconded by Cllr Tripp, all agreed
 - b. held on 8th September 2009 were agreed as a true record by Cllr Tripp and seconded by Cllr Stabler, all agreed
4. **Public Question Time** – none present
5. **Matters Arising** – none raised
6. **Financial implications**
 - a. Facilities and environmental costs were discussed, further research is required by the PM, and this would be reported at the November meeting.
 - b. Cllr McMillan proposed that there should possibly be a public consultation between now and January 2010 to explain any decision regarding the any increased expenditure that the council would affect the precept. This was seconded by Cllr Stabler and all agreed.
 - c. Cllr McMillan also suggested that public consultation should become part of the budget process.
7. **Loriner Orchard** –
 - a. Cllr Teesdale listed items that need to be purchased for the planting of the trees in November. These are all items within the budget for this project. Authorisation for the PM to spend up to £500, of this previously agreed money was proposed by Cllr Stabler, seconded by Cllr Williams and agreed by all.
8. **Downs Barn Facility** –
 - a. **Youth Club** – it was proposed by Cllr Stabler and agreed by Cllr Williams to provide the Youth Leader with £250 (out of the budget total of £800) for the purchase of “set up” items and a running float for the sessions. PM to control this through an expenditure form with TH.

9. **Marsh Drive Sports Facility** - nothing to report

10. **High Street Facility** – nothing to report

11. **Environmental issues** – nothing to report

12. **Chairs Update** - nothing to add

13. **Allotment**

a. Sandy Close – survey to be completed in 2 weeks, 3 quotes requested 1 received.

14. **Estates**

a) **Blakelands and Giffard Park** – a list of issues drawn up by Cllr Tripp .Pm to follow up.

b) **Willen Park** – children playing on roundabout , dangerous situation PM to contact PCSO

14. **Date of next meeting will be the 10th November 2009**

15. **Meeting closed at 8:20pm**

Date agreed _____ Chair _____