

Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation and Environment Committee held on the **11<sup>th</sup> May 2010** at 7:30pm in the Parish Office, Neath Hill Local Centre.

**Present;** Cllr Allum (Chair), Cllr Sim, Cllr Tripp, Cllr McMillan Cllr Macaulay (observing) Angela McGlone (Allotment Association) , Deborah Cooper (Waterside Festival Committee Chair)

1. **Apologies** Cllr Fitchett (unavailable) Cllr Foskett (ill) Cllr Stabler (unavailable) Cllr Akinbusoye (unavailable), Cllr Rose (ill)
2. **Declaration of members interests** – none
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> April 2010** were agreed as a true record; this was proposed by Cllr Tripp and seconded by Cllr Sim, all agreed.
4. **Update from British waterways** - Neil Owen not available. PM to ask what is the schedule for bridge repairs in particular bridge 79.
5. **Public Question time** –none present
6. **Matters arising** – none raised
7. **Waterside Festival** – The waterside committee has increased the level of security. A specification was provided and has been discussed with the Events co-ordinator from TVP. A parking order has been requested by the waterside committee. There will be more youth involvement and the charity status has been applied for and agreed.

The Recreation committee accepted the security arrangement and proposed the financial support of £2411.10, as previously agreed in the budget process. This was proposed by Cllr Tripp and seconded by Cllr McMillan and all agreed. GLPC would also notify TVP of their support for the Waterside Festival in these security arrangements.

#### 8. Allotments

- a. Items a and b Allotment Association and update from last meeting –
  - i. Angela reported that the Allotment Association constitution was being worked on currently.
  - ii. PM confirmed that the eviction process is being improved as per the discussion at the meeting, but it will need to fit with the workings of the office.
  - iii. Communication regarding plots, it was accepted and agreed that the process needs to change. From now on the monthly review team would agree comments on plots needing attention, letters would be written by the office and only when the letters had gone out would a progress spreadsheet be sent to the GLAA. This is needed to stop the wrong message begin sent out and messages being manipulated.
  - iv. Terms and Conditions will be agreed with NSALG and then circulated for comments.
- c. Potential sites – not discussed
- d. Sandy close – progress has been delayed by planning decision.

#### 9. Financial implications

- a. In principle, this committee would consider the funding of £418 towards bulbs. Cllrs require more information about the plan for Downs Barn's green flag status.
- b. Rhino competition - in principle this committee agreed to spend £100 from reserves for this non budgeted item. Cllr Tripp and Cllr Sim volunteered to judge the competition. Cllr Allum would be a reserve. Cllr Allum requested Certificates of Thanks go to the schools for their involvement.

**10. Downs Barn Sports Facility**

- a. Feasibility study - another supplier has come forward PM and Cllr Foskett agreed to discuss their proposal.

**11. Marsh Drive Sports Facility**

- a. Parking issues on a Friday night have been caused by breakdown of communication. This is now resolved.

**12. High Street Facility**

- a. Cricket was played in the wet on 8th May, damage was caused to the pitch, the club have been notified of unacceptable behaviour. PM awaiting response.

**13. Projects**

- a. Summer programme update provided by Cllr McMillan, all on target and budget. A meeting is to be held this week to confirm events, timetable and tasks.

**14. Environmental Issues**

- a. Proposal to fund another bin was agreed by Cllr McMillan and seconded by Cllr Tripp seconded.
- b. Bin has been re-sited - thank you to the resident who did this

**15. Items for future discussions – no items raised**

**16. Date of next meeting was agreed as the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

**Meeting closed at 9:15pm**

Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_