

Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation and Environment Committee held on the **9th November 2010** at 7:30pm in the Parish Office, Neath Hill Local Centre.

Present: Cllr Foskett (Chair) Cllr Gillon, Cllr Hughes, Cllr Munangati, Cllr Sim, Cllr Stabler, Cllr Tripp.

1. **Apologies** received and accepted from Cllr Cowell (ill), Cllr McMillan (unavailable).
2. **Declaration of members interests – none.**
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th October 2010** – were agreed as a true record, they were proposed by Cllr Tripp, seconded by Cllr Gillon, all agreed.
4. **Public Question time** – none.
5. **Matters arising** – review of the canal side was completed by Alan Holmes (MKC Officer), Cllr Yeates, Cllr Stabler. Ideas about the tow path improvement should be sent to Alan and David. The area where the money can be spent is the path between H3 and H5. Most committee members felt that widening of the path way would be a great benefit.
6. **Allotments**
 - a. Allotment Association meeting – EGM was well attended and the constitution was agreed. There is a new committee. Meeting was very positive.
 - b. Update on Sandy close – It is proposed that a weekend event is held to allocate plots to plot holder. Date to be organised. Cllr Stabler would contact Andy Hudson about improving material from the recycling plant.
 - c. Consideration of the landscape depot - Chair proposed that this consideration is not to be progressed at the current time, all agreed.
7. **Community Orchard** – PM reported that the grant is still valid for this financial year. Cllr Stabler asked why the internal side of the hedge is unkempt. PM to speak with the Contractor.
8. **Strategy implications for Recreation Committee Financial implications** – PM suggested that this issue and other thoughts should be a single item for the December Recreation to coincide with the budget planning meeting. This approach was accepted by all.
9. **Community project**
 - a. Proposal to create a wild flower area near the pond in wood lane. It was proposed by Cllr Stabler and seconded by Cllr Munangati that this idea should be put on hold until the next financial year, when more time can be dedicated to involving the local community and school in the event. A plan should be drawn up with Chris Copock (MKC Officer) for this event and the maintenance of the area.
10. **Summer of Fun programme 2011** - it was proposed by the Chair that the aim and objective of the programme should carry on next year. Budget and basic content should be discussed at the Dec meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Gillon and all agreed.

11. Great Linford Sports Facilities – update as relevant Downs Barn, Marsh Drive & High St

- i. **Downs Barn feasibility study** – It was suggested that the questionnaire should go out with the News and Views and that a door to door survey of Downs Barn residents be carried out in January. Cllrs were all very supportive of this approach.
- ii. **Downs Barn - Sports for all** – update Cllr Munangati, Cllr Gillon and Cllr Sim would attend with Cllr Foskett .

12. Financial implications – no implications.

13. Items for future discussions – none raised.

14. Date of next meeting was agreed as 7th December 2010.

15. Meeting closed at 8:42pm

Chair _____ Date _____