

SWAFFHAM TOWN COUNCIL RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Recreation Ground Committee Meeting on Wednesday 25th April 2007 at 7.30p.m. in the Assembly Rooms, Swaffham.

Present:- Cllr J. Stockdale(in the Chair)

Cllr A. Greaves, Cllr S. Lister, Miss V Mason, Mrs. S. Palmer, and Mr. D. Tallon

Deputy Town Clerk: Mrs. M. Meyrick

Assistant Town Clerk: Mrs R Noble

1. Apologises for Absence.

1.1. Cllr Carol Baker, Mr A Panes.

2. Declarations of Interest for Items on the Agenda.

2.1. None received.

3. Minutes of 7th March 2007.

3.1. The minutes were agreed by the Committee as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Installation of the new play equipment.

4.1. The installation of the new play equipment has been recorded. It was reported that good feedback relating to the new equipment has been received from members of the public and also that more equipment is needed.

5. Information relating to Breckland Council's Big Lottery bid.

5.1. The application to Breckland Council's Big Lottery bid has to be with Breckland by Tuesday of next week. Three quotes and designs have been received from three different companies. The Deputy Town Clerk has arranged three separate meetings with 3 parents of children with disabilities tomorrow. The grant application states that you have to demonstrate how you will cater for these children from ethnic minorities aged between 2 and 8 year olds.

The Breckland Panel meet on the 18th May but we will not be notified of a decision until early June. If we are successful at this stage our project will then be put forward with Breckland in September.

6. Information relating to the People's Millions Grant.

6.1. The Deputy Town Clerk went to a People's Millions workshop in Cambridge on Monday. She reported this meeting proved to be very good. This grant would be suitable for the Recreation Ground Sensory Garden project. The total amount the Peoples Millions will fund is £80,000 and they have to be the majority funder, we do not have to provide any additional funding.

The deadline for this grant application is the 17th May. The application has to go to Newcastle to be assessed, from this the Town Council will then be informed if they have been selected go to the next round. The next stage is to shortlist for ITV to look at all the projects. ITV will then decide which projects will be put forward for the public vote. This will take place week commencing the 26th November. 8 Projects will be voted for per region who will receive up to £80,000 each. There will be an additional 2 projects that will get the bonus award each receiving £80,000 each also; this will be announced on Friday 30th November.

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6.2. It was suggested there is a 'lady' at the EcoTech who would be an ideal person to talk to relating to the Sensory Garden project, also the Horticultural Society and the Allotment Society.

Cllr. Anne Greaves stated she would make contact with reference to the installation of the wall, seats and paths etc.

Dennis Tallon stated he would talk to the Garden Science Trust at Eco Tech relating to the Sensory Garden Project.

7. Recycling Proposal.

7.1. The Deputy Town Clerk reported there apparently appears to be a difference of opinion at Breckland with regards to this proposal. She stated a meeting with Sarah Bruton from Breckland Council will be set up to discuss this further.

8. Toilet Block.

8.1. It was reported the issues relating to the Toilet Block are still ongoing. Breckland has received tenders for the removal of the asbestos, they will be placing an order soon. It was stated the building would be handed to the Town Council as an empty shell.

Mansells Building Contractors have been approached relating to some apprenticeship work being carried out on the Toilet Block, they have concerns relating to this from a health and safety point of view, also the fact that the work would need to be supervised.

9. Other Items for Information

9.1. The Deputy Town Clerk reported that when she met with Laura Apps-Green from Breckland Council, she informed her of another Big Lottery Grant that could help the Recreation Ground project. It's called playful ideas; this could be aimed at the 8-12 year old age range. This fund runs out on the 31st December and they give £10,000 - £250,000. The key element of this is innovation, new and different play ideas. The Deputy Town Clerk stated she would look at this grant once she has finished the other two grant applications.

9.2. It was reported for a Car Boot and Craft Fair to be held on Sunday 3rd June on the Market Place to help raise funds for the Recreation Ground, any other ideas can be given to Cllr. S Lister.

9.3. It was suggested to put an item on the next agenda for a 'Friends of the Recreation Ground', to achieve this it was suggested to visit residents living close to the Recreation Ground asking them to attend the AGM.

<p>It was agreed to put this on the next agenda for the AGM and then put to the Full Town Council for approval.</p>

9.4. It was suggested for the Deputy Town Clerk to do a press release relating to the new play equipment on the Recreation Ground.

10. Date of next meeting

10.1. The date for the next meeting is Wednesday 6th June at 6.30pm in the Assembly Rooms. Which will be the Annual Meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm Chairman