

Minutes of the Fishing & Estates sub-committee meeting of Hay Town Council on 10th June 2019

Present: Cllr A Powell (AP) Cllr R Golesworthy (RWG)
 Cllr T Stedman (TS) Cllr S Morris (SM)

In Attendance: N Burdekin (NB)

Apologies: Cllr D Price (DP)

FE350. Election of Chairman

RWG proposed AP. SM seconded. *Unanimously approved*

FE351. Minutes of meeting dated 18th March 2019

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.

FE352. Matters arising from Minutes not on the agenda

(a) Overall condition of benches in Hay

AP has spoken to Frank Davies who is looking for a business to buy the correct paint from. NB to check with Frank that the benches are to be painted green. NB to also ask Frank for a quote for the (x5) benches raised in the last meeting (FE336 a), these being 3 at Gypsy Castle play area and Brecon Rd play area

(b) Gateway to Wales sign

NB has spoken to Ian Davies about carrying out the work to remove the existing shrubs and replace with grass seed at the top of Oxford Rd car park. Ian has confirmed that this work will be carried out after Hay Festival. TS asked about progress on the hand-painted sign. NB said that the artist has started work on this with a view to completion in September 2019 for the launch of Miles Without Stiles.

(c) Sally Carmody e-mails

TS said that there are some issues around access to Mill Cottage which would involve the owner crossing HTC-owned land. RWG said it is his view that HTC put in a formal complaint letter to this effect to the BBNP and the Public Rights of Way officer. RWG's view is that the access is for everyone, not just the owner of Mill Cottage.

Recommendation

(i) RWG proposed, SM seconded, *unanimously approved* that HTC writes a formal letter of complaint about the closing down of access to Mill Cottage to the BBNP and Powys CC's Public Rights of Way officer.

(d) Any other matters from minutes not on agenda

SM raised the issue of the proposed sound-based installation at Hay Bridge. TS explained that this installation would try to capture sounds of nature as she understands it.

FE353. Sovereign Play – Feedback from site visit on 18 March 2019

NB handed out to Cllrs the amended quote from Sovereign Play, which included the Space Net, which had previously been omitted. TS said that the quote was still missing an interactive piece of equipment for Gypsy Castle play area that adds to the equality of option of play at the site. NB to ask Sovereign Play for this additional quote.

SM mentioned a disability swing which enabled people in wheelchairs to access the swing. NB to ask Sovereign Play if they provide this specific item.

Cllrs went through the quote and decided to try and fund all items, with the exception of the new set of swings (instead to ask for 2 new seats only). RWG added that, once the Space Net is in, the existing red rocket frame could remain if there is enough space.

AP asked about how this could be financed. TS said that Awards for All is one possible funding stream. However, if we also look at multi-surfacing at the tennis courts, which could then be used for football, tennis, netball courts etc. NB to get (x3) quotes for the multi-surfacing at the tennis courts. NB was also asked to look at costs for possible 'green gym' items. RWG and TS added that there is money already set aside in the Town Plan for play equipment, which can be used as match funding.

FE354. Agree infrastructure materials / specification for tender

A general discussion took place as to what types of material would be needed for the proposed pathways and vehicular access/turning point at Hay Cemetery. RWG/SM will draw up the specification by the metre including material-type, depth and width. The footpath specification will be lower than the vehicular access specification.

FE355. Canoe Landing gate and bollards

RWG said that at this stage, the problem at the Gliss with canoeists doesn't seem as acute as 2018. Cllrs agreed to remove this item from future F&E agendas, at least in the short term, but to continue to monitor the situation.

FE356. The Gliss (x3) noticeboards

(i) AP said that the Fish board and the Mammal boards have now arrived and are being stored in Council Offices. These two, with the Directional Board, will need to be installed fairly quickly.

(ii) Second draft of Directional Board. Tim Pugh has produced a second draft taking into account Cllrs comments from the previous F&E meeting. Cllrs approved this final proof and asked NB to order the sign.

NB to arrange a site visit with F&E and Frank Davies at the Old Railway Line to identify exactly where to locate the signs.

FE357. Natural Resources Wales – 'Shared Spaces' update and next steps

TS said that in the meeting with Michael Smith from NRW held on 5th June 2019, the NRW was asked to consider re-profiling the budget spend allocated for (x5) interpretation boards to instead purchasing a wooden horse to go on the old tram line. The wooden horse would be set on old railings and also have a tram carriage along the lines of the one located in Brecon along the canal towpath. AP

and RWG will go to Brecon to look at the existing horse and tram structure to see if AP can make one similar.

FE358. The Gliss Project 2

(i) Land Registration

TS reported that there had been no further update, so TS will contact them again.

(ii) Welsh Water – Asset Transfer of land at the Gliss

NB said that there has been nothing further from either our solicitors or Welsh Water's regarding the proposed CAT with Welsh Water at the Gliss. NB was asked to contact Welsh Water directly.

FE359. Cycle Racks / Low Carbon Hay Update

NB said that the next meeting of Low Carbon Hay will take place on 27th June and cycle racks will be picked up by this group. RWG said that he through Cllr GR has a spare set of cycle racks available and will ask Cllr GR if these are still available for use in Hay.

FE360. Woodland Management

(i) Bailey Walk overall survey – quotes needed

TS has the hand-written notes and photographs, but hasn't had time to type them up yet. Once this has been done, the specification will go out to tender.

AP reported that Hay Community Woodland Group has carried out a risk assessment of undertaking works to the rear of Millgate in response to Su Campbell-Felgate's request to cut back trees and re-plant with native species. AP declared an interest as Chair of the HCWG, TS declared an interest as a member of HCWG. AP passed the risk assessment to RWG and SM for comment. RWG confirmed that the land in question is not part of the residents' gardens.

RWG summarised the risk assessment by saying the HCWG feel the job is too dangerous for them to undertake the works. TS said that the HCWG could do the lower 8 feet of path.

The residents had said that they would pay a contractor to do the works. RWG suggested that this is fine so long as the contractor is under the control of HTC and if the contractor then liaises very closely with HTC throughout the duration of carrying out the works.

On this basis, the following was recommended to go to Full Council.

Recommendation

(i) AP proposed drafting a letter to residents. SM seconded. *Unanimously approved.* Letter to say HTC would allow a private contractor to carry out works to cut back trees and overgrowth at the backs of properties on Mill Bank to the picnic site, provided that the contractor is under the direct control of HTC, not the residents, throughout the project.

FE361. Community Asset Transfers – update from NB

(i) Hay Common - NB has completed the CAT for Hay Common

(ii) Login Dingle – NB still working on this CAT

FE362. Terms of Reference 2019/2020

NB said that the auditors have asked for Terms of Reference for each of HTC's Sub Committees. NB to draft and circulate to Cllrs prior to Special Council meeting on 24th June 2019.

FE363. Action Plan 2018/2019

NB agreed to amend the Action Plan in line with all the actions discussed above. NB to add in Hay Cemetery and new playground equipment.

FE364. Great British High Street Award 2020

NB asked Cllrs if they would be interested in entering Hay for the Great British High Street Awards in 2020 following on from Crickhowell winning the award last year. Cllrs said that this project was more for the CoC to take a lead on, but that HTC could support it through things like Hay in Bloom.

FE365. Any Other Business

SM said that there had been a large fuel spill on the How the Light Gets In Festival site in the field to the rear of Co-op. The spill has been reported to the EA and the NRW, but no action was taken.

SM added that the NRW has been doing some works at the measuring station on the river bank, with what's been cut from trees being thrown into the river, which goes against the NRW's own regulations. TS will e-mail the NRW to say that this was noted by HTC.

FE366. Time and date of next meeting

To be arranged by NB.

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