

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AMENITIES AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON 8TH APRIL 2010

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs L Bossons
C Nield
Mrs J Whitehurst
D Martin
G R Edwards
E Clarke (Mayor)

Also present D Murphy

1. **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for absence.

2. **MINUTES**

AAS/40/0910 RESOLVED:- That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 11th February 2010 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were reminded to declare both "personal" and "personal and prejudicial" interests as early in the meeting as they become known.

There were no declarations of interest.

4. **OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

AAS/35/0910 To undertake a survey with CEBC of residents in Astbury Lane for the requirements of a play scheme and to produce the supporting evidence for such a scheme.

5. **MINUTES OF THE TASK AND FINISH GROUP MEETINGS**

AAS/41/0910 RESOLVED:- That the Minutes of the meetings held on 25th and 30th March 2010 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.

6. **HILARY AVENUE ALLOTMENTS**

The committee considered a report outlining the Allotments development and completion of a proposed lease for a period of 15 years.

AAS/42/0910 RESOLVED That:-

1. The report be received.

2. That the draft Heads of Terms between the Town Council and Hilary Avenue Allotment Association be completed.
3. That delegated powers be given to the Clerk to conclude the lease with the Allotment Association.

7. HANKINSON'S FIELD

The committee noted that Cheshire East are the freehold owners of Hankinson's Field and that the land is free of all restrictive covenants and is unencumbered.

AAS/43/0910 RESOLVED:- That the Clerk seek clarification from Cheshire East concerning how the land is designated and whether restrictions can be put on its future use.

8. ON STREET CAR PARKING

A response from Councillor Menlove CEBC concerning changing the times for On Street Parking was considered. It was noted that changing the restrictions on parking from 7.00pm to 6.00pm may require a lengthy legal process, however, Councillor Menlove provided an assurance that enforcement of any restrictions on On Street Parking would not take place after 6.00pm.

AAS/44/0910 RESOLVED:- That Cheshire East be requested to harmonise On Street Parking Times to a duration of 1 hour.

9. PADDLING POOL

A detailed report on the arrangements for opening the Paddling Pool and on going maintenance requirements was discussed.

AAS/45/0910 RESOLVED That:-

1. To receive the report.
2. To delegate to the Facilities Manager the closing of the pool in times of inclement weather.
3. To authorise the proposed improvements to the pool surface as detailed in the report at a cost of £3,000 including the provision of a portable ramp for use by the disabled at a total cost of £1,000 either funded by supplementary estimate within the current years budget or to be included in the 2011-12 budget.
4. To authorise the provision and siting of a Town Public Information Board.

10. LOWER HEATH PLAY AND COMMUNITY SPACE

A report on the construction of the Playbuilder Scheme at Lower Heath Playing Fields was considered by the committee including a request for a grant for Phase 2 of the scheme.

AAS/46/0910 RESOLVED:- That a contribution of £1,500 towards the Lower Heath Playing Fields Phase 2 Scheme be approved by diverting the budget provision for Astbury Lane Ends which will not now go ahead.

11. RED TELEPHONE KIOSKS

A report concerning the notion of adopting 2 Red Telephone Kiosks at Timbersbrook was considered. It was noted that 560 letters had been sent out to residents and 52 returns had been received with the following responses.

Would not like to retain the red boxes	4
Would like the red boxes retained	37
Would be prepared to be involved in maintaining the boxes	11

AAS/47/0910 RESOLVED:- That both Red Telephone Kiosks be adopted.

12. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS (IF NECESSARY)

There was no resolution to exclude the Press and Public.

D Martin
Chairman