

Minutes

28 January 2004 6.00 pm
Alamein Suite,
City Hall
Salisbury

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at the next Council meeting**

Present

Chairman: Councillor S J Howarth

Vice Chairman: Councillor K A Cardy

Councillors: D A Culver, B E Dalton, Mrs I M Evans, S R Fear, D J McCarthy, Ms S C Mallory, M J Osment, I R Tomes, Miss M A Tomlinson, J M Walsh and Mrs S A Warrander

Apologies: Mrs P Brown, Mrs E A Chettleburgh, P M Clegg, J M Collier, J R L Nettle, P V H Paisey and P W L Sample

Officers: Andrew Rose (Assistant Democratic Services Officer), Matthew Tiller (Chief Accountant) and Reg Williams (Parks Manager).

MINUTES NOT REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL

44. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman informed the Committee of the need to hold a Special meeting of the Community City Area and gave two alternative dates for consideration by Members.

RESOLVED - should a Special Meeting of the City Area (Community) Committee be required, then it will be held at 6pm on Tuesday, 24th February 2004 or on the same night of the next City Area (Planning & Licensing) Committee on 12th February 2004.

45. PUBLIC STATEMENT/QUESTION TIME

There were none

46. COUNCILLOR STATEMENT/QUESTION TIME

There were none.

47. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs Warrander advised the committee that she has a personal but non-prejudicial interest in agenda item 11 because she plays tennis at Victoria Park but is not a member of the tennis club.

48. MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the special meeting held on 11 December 2003 (previously circulated) be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to Councillor Mrs I M Evans' apologies being listed for the meeting and that the finish time be corrected to reflect 20.25hrs.

(note – after the meeting, it was clarified that the Special meeting held on 11 December 2003 did in fact finish at 18.25hrs as shown in the minutes and no correction will be made)

49. HARNHAM – YOUTH FACILITIES:

Mr. McKay of 4 Mallard Close and Paula Blakemore of Parsonage Green spoke in objection to the proposal.

David Scrace, Chairman of Harnham Youth Venture, Kelly Lynham and Frankie Mayer, representatives of the youth of Harnham, Frances Howard, Chairman of Harnham Neighbourhood Council and Mr Aynsley-Green, a local resident and also a Government spokesman for youth issues, all spoke in favour of the proposal.

(The time allocation for public speakers of 5 minutes for was split equally between all of those listed).

Following these statements, the Committee considered the report (previously circulated) of the Parks Manager, Environmental Health Unit.

RESOLVED – that

- (1) The City Area (Community) Committee proceed with the provision of youth facilities in Harnham to be comprised of a youth shelter and sports wall with a litter bin with the youth of Harnham to be involved in the design process. Also, after 6 months from the time of opening, a report shall be brought back to the City Area (Community) Committee advising on the success of the project with the Committee reserving the right to remove the project should it be deemed unsuccessful; and;
- (2) The site of the project mentioned above shall be at Harnham Recreation Ground (eastern corner).

50. BEMERTON HEATH – YOUTH FACILITIES:

Mr Brearton, local shopkeeper, spoke in objection to the proposal.

Jackie Farrell, a Youth Worker in Salisbury, spoke in support of the proposal.

Following these statements the Committee considered the report (previously circulated) of the Parks Manager, Environmental Health Unit.

RESOLVED – that

- (1) the provision of a skate facility on Bemerton Heath be established;
- (2) the facility be located near to the Harlequin site and to be a half pipe provision
- (3) Officers to investigate the possibility of lighting being installed at the skatepark site with the findings to be distributed to the relevant ward Members.

51. BISHOPDOWN – SKATEPARK FACILITY:

Jackie Farrell, a Youth Worker in Salisbury, spoke to support the proposal but to object to the project being in the form of a stand-alone youth shelter.

Following this statement the Committee considered the report (previously circulated) of the Parks Manager, Environmental Health Unit.

RESOLVED – that

- (1) the provision of youth facilities at both the sites of Bishopdown open space and Bishopdown Farm Central Green be approved
- (2) The facilities shall be in the form of a skatepark at the Bishopdown open space site and a youth shelter at the Bishopdown Farm site.

52. FISHERTON RECREATION GROUND / SALISBURY FESTIVAL 2004:

The Committee considered the report (previously circulated) of the Parks Manager, Environmental Health Unit.

RESOLVED – that

- (1) the "In Praise of Earth" project in principle be supported;
- (2) the potential use of an area of Fisherton Recreation ground as highlighted in Appendix B set out in the officer's report be approved in principle: and
- (3) details of the future management/financial arrangements be submitted to the Committee for approval in due course.

53. VICTORIA PARK – TENNIS FACILITIES:

Ian Gerard, of Salisbury Tennis Tuition, spoke in support of the proposal.

Following this statement the Committee considered the report (previously circulated) of the Parks Manager, Environmental Health Unit.

RESOLVED – that further initial investigations be made at this time for the provision of an indoor tennis facility at Victoria Park with the findings to include information on current usage figures, expected usage figures, types of courses offered, the reasons for the previous lottery refusal and whether or not there are other companies who could tender for this management agreement.

54. 'R2' PROJECTS – PRIORITY OF FUNDING:

The Committee considered the report (previously circulated) of the Parks Manager, Environmental Health Unit.

RESOLVED – that the contents of the report be noted.

**55. CITY AREA REVISED BUDGET 2003/04 AND ORIGINAL BUDGET 2004/05
CITY AREA CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2003/04 TO 2008/09 INCLUDING PROPOSED FEES
& CHARGES FOR SPORTS & RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE CITY AREA 2004/05:**

The Committee considered the joint report (previously circulated) of the Acting Head of Financial Services and the Technical Accountant and Appendix F of the Parks Manager, Environmental Health Unit.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL -

- (1) that approval be given to the Committee's revised revenue budget for 2003/04 and original budget for 2004/05;
- (2) that approval be given to the Committee's capital programme for 2003/04 to 2008/09;
- (3) that the City Area Committee precept level remain at £35.24 (at Band D Council Tax level) for 2004/05 for determination as the amount of the special expenses incurred within the city, in accordance with Section 35 (2) (d) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 be recommended to full Council; and

RESOLVED -that approval be given to increase the fees and charges by an average of 3.5% for 2004/05 (as per Appendix F of the Agenda report).

(The meeting closed at 20.55 hrs)