



MINEHEAD TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 12 JULY 2022 AT 7.30 PM

AT THE COMMUNITY BUILDING, IRNHAM ROAD, MINEHEAD TA24 5DW

The Meeting was recorded and broadcast live on the MTC Facebook page

Members are reminded that Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability), Crime & Disorder, Health & Safety, Human Rights and Biodiversity

Present: Chair: Cllr P Bolton
Councillors: Cllr T Bloomfield, Cllr E Jones (Deputy Chair), Cllr A Lawton, Cllr C Palmer, Cllr M Palmer
(* denotes Somerset West and Taunton District "SWaT" Councillor)

Officers in Attendance: Ms S Rawle - Clerk
Mr B Howe – Deputy Clerk

Members of the Press and Public: 0 members of the Press
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Cllr Bolton welcomed all to the Meeting.

084 **To receive** Apologies for Absence [LGA 1972 s 85 \(1\)](#)

Apologies had been received from Cllr J Bonar, Cllr A Kingston-James, Cllr J Rodgers and Cllr T Venner.

085 **To receive** Councillors' Declarations of Interest and any Dispensations

[In accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members](#)

Member	Minute	Interest	Time Period	Speak/Vote
Cllr C Palmer	All	SWaT Councillor	2022	Spoke and voted

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Dispensations

None.

- 086 **To approve** the Minutes of the previous Meeting held on Tuesday 14 June 2022
- *Minutes to be agreed by Councillors who were in attendance*

It was noted that Cllr A Kingston-James should have been included in the apologies.

Proposed: Cllr Bolton

Seconded: Cllr Bloomfield

Agreed with all in favour that, subject to the amendment, the Minutes were approved .

- 087 **To adjourn** the Meeting for Public Inclusion *Standing Order No 3e*

No-one had asked to speak.

- 088 **To receive** the Chair's verbal report

The Chair reported that all the new play equipment had now been installed at Irnham Road Recreation Ground, King George V Playing Field and Cross Farm Park. He added that it was disappointing to see that the new equipment had already been graffitied and that he hoped the culprits would be apprehended soon.

- 089 **To discuss** the installation of CCTV for Play Areas

The Deputy Clerk gave an update on progress with the installation of CCTV in the play areas. He explained that there was CCTV installed at Irnham Road Recreation Ground and this had been successful in identifying culprits in the past. Further investigation needed to be undertaken to find out what would be involved and how to link up additional cameras to the existing network. Cllr Bloomfield said that it was important to do this now as the new equipment had already been graffitied. Cllr Lawton welcomed the approach and added that situations had arisen in the past where the Police would appreciate additional CCTV coverage.

Proposed: Cllr Bloomfield

Seconded: Cllr Lawton

Agreed with all in favour that the Deputy Clerk investigate quotes for CCTV coverage in King George V Playing Field, Cross Farm Park and Periton Field.

- 090 **To discuss** security fencing for Irnham Road and Quay West public toilets

The Deputy Clerk reported that he was investigating the possible installation of security fencing at the back of Irnham Road and Quay West toilets. As progress was being made with the purchase of Quay West toilets from Somerset West & Taunton Council it would seem

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prudent to look at a quote for fencing both sites. Cllr Bolton remarked that there was an on-going problem with fly-tipping to the rear of the Quay West toilets and that something needed to be done to prevent this once the town council took ownership.

Proposed: Cllr Bolton

Seconded: Cllr Lawton

Agreed with all in favour that the Deputy Clerk investigate quotes for the installation of metal security fencing at the rear of Irnham Road and Quay West toilets.

091 **To discuss** the use of vacant land at Irnham Road Recreation Ground

Cllr Bolton asked the Committee its view on earmarking the land for a specific purpose. Councillors had received presentations at a meeting of Full Council on options to build an indoor pool or an outdoor pool in Minehead. Cllr Lawton said that she felt if the land was earmarked specifically for a swimming pool that it would be preferable for it to be a Minehead Town Council project and not that of another organisation. Cllr C Palmer said that the land should be allocated for a recreational facility.

Proposed: Cllr Bolton

Seconded: Cllr Bloomfield

That vacant land at Irnham Road Recreation Ground was earmarked for a recreational purpose

Cllr M Palmer wished to amend this proposition to agree that vacant land at Irnham Road Recreation Ground was earmarked for a recreational purpose for the life of the present Council.

Proposed: Cllr Bolton

Seconded: Cllr Bloomfield

Agreed with all in favour to recommend to Full Council that vacant land at Irnham Road Recreation Ground was earmarked for a recreational purpose for the life of the present Council.

092 **To discuss** replacement of Street Trees in Minehead

The Clerk reported further to a recent meeting with SCC Officers and Minehead BID. Minehead BID had a budget and were keen to work in partnership with Minehead Town Council to pilot the replacement of some of the lost street trees. She said that a full costing needed to be worked up to include trees, guards and preparation of tree pits.

The Clerk asked if Councillors wanted to pilot the replacement of a small number of trees, say 2 or 3 in the first instance. The Clerk had circulated pictures of 7 locations that could be considered as replacement locations. Minehead BID were willing to make a financial contribution of up to £1000 per tree and their preference for planting was The Avenue.

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A question was asked about installation and who would do this.

Proposed: Cllr Bolton

Seconded: Cllr Jones

Agreed with all in favour to recommend to Full Council replacement of 3 trees in The Avenue, subject to final costings.

093 **To discuss** collection of waste from voluntary organisations

The Deputy Clerk explained that MTC collected waste for a local, voluntary tidy-up organisation and asked Councillors their view on collecting waste for other voluntary tidy-up organisations.

Councillors' view was that there should be a standard in place for work that was undertaken on MTC land and that waste collected needed to be sorted so that it could be recycled. Dumpy bags should not be over-filled and groups needed to have their own public liability in place. Councillors asked that a set of standards are drawn up and that the Deputy Clerk check with the Council's insurance.

Proposed: Cllr M Palmer

Seconded: Cllr Jones

Agreed with all in favour to recommend to Full Council that MTC agree to collect green waste, litter and plastic on behalf of voluntary organisations involved in community tidy-ups. Prior agreement was to be sought from the Council and work carried out to conform with Council standards and conditions.

The meeting closed at 8.12 pm.