

FORDBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND RECREATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 16TH SEPTEMBER 2013

PRESENT: Councillor F.V. Nash (in the Chair)
P. Allen
M.G. Hyde
J. Kimberley
C. McLaughlin
S. McLaughlin
F.V. Nash
L. Sorrell

1. APOLOGIES

An apology for non-attendance from Councillor F.A. Nash was received and noted.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest made by members relating to items on the agenda.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held 17th June 2013 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the proceedings

4. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2013 CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

The Clerk submitted a report outlining the draft arrangements for the 2013 Christmas Carol Concert and asked members to approve or amend them as necessary, and to consider any additional items for this year's event.

RESOLVED that:-

- i) the budget for the refreshments and rewards be £100.00
- ii) Coleshill Heath School be invited to participate in addition to the local schools
- iii) that the children from Grace Academy who participated in the project to produce a charity download also be invited to perform

5. REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS

The Clerk reported that the existing Christmas tree lights were falling into disrepair and in need of replacement. He advised that the cost of replacing each loom would be £275.00 and suggested that the Council also purchase a shorter loom to use on the smaller tree

RESOLVED that the Council purchase three 25m looms and a 12.5m loom to utilise this year

6. CONSIDERATION OF ISSUES ARISING FROM THE FUN DAY

The Clerk submitted a report highlighting certain issues arising from the Fun Day and asked members to consider his recommendations and proposals

- RESOLVED
- i) that the recommendations and proposals as set out in Appendix A be approved
 - ii) that the Clerk write to the CTC Kingshurst Academy to explore ways in which they can get involved in the Fun Day

7. CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDENCE FROM SOLIHULL M.B.C. REGARDING STREET NAMING

The Clerk submitted correspondence from Solihull M.B.C. seeking the Council's view on names suggested for the new street within the new development adjoining Grace Academy and providing the opportunity to suggest an alternative if preferred.

RESOLVED that the Council suggest that the street be named "Collins Way" in memory of the late Eric Collins, subject to the consent of his widow

8. PARKING ON GRASS VERGES

RESOLVED that consideration of this matter be deferred to the next meeting of the committee

9. SCRAP METAL MERCHANTS AND STREET COLLECTING

Councillor Nash provided some information regarding reporting the registration numbers of vehicles either causing a nuisance or suspected of illegal activity

RESOLVED that an article highlighting the issue and offering advice be included in the Council's newsletter

10. REPORT OF DECISIONS TAKEN BY EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE WITH DELEGATED POWERS

The Clerk submitted a report, for members' information, detailing the decisions taken with delegated powers by the Events Sub-Committee. The detailed information is set out in Appendix B.

11. REPORT OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AND DECISIONS TAKEN WITH DELEGATED POWERS

Single Storey Rear And Side Extension, 82 Newby Grove

No objections were raised by members. In accordance with the provisions of Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Clerk decided to raise no objections.

New Shop Front And Associated Alterations To Internal Shop Layout, And Replacement Of Timber Storage Facility With Single Storey Brick Built Store, 111 Camplea Croft

No objections were raised by members. In accordance with the provisions of Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Clerk decided to raise no objections.

The meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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APPENDIX A

1. The maximum number of stalls at the Fun Day be increased to eight.
2. The Council's policy to remain that stalls only be available to local voluntary/non profit making organisations to allow them to raise funds. The Council to directly contact local organisations and to advertise the opportunity.
3. Responsibility for deciding whether stall holders should be charged in the event of bad weather to be delegated to the Events Sub-Committee to decide on the day.
4. Seek a long term partnership with a reliable ice cream van
5. Seek to add one activity/item each year to enhance the event.

APPENDIX B

1. FUN DAY 2013

Music

It was agreed that the DJ skills workshop was not suitable for the Fun Day, particularly as he was only available from 2.00 p.m. It was agreed to approach Pete's Disco for the event and Councillor Allen had details of a reserve

2. CHAIRMAN'S DANCE 2014

Confirmation of Charity

It was confirmed that the Chairman's nominated charity will be Prostate Cancer UK

Buffet

It was agreed that the buffet will be provided by Jean Johnson