

The minutes of the Community Projects Committee meeting held in the main hall at Gurnard Primary School in Hilton Road on Tuesday 24th February 2009 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: **Councillors** Day (Chairman) & Fuller, **Messrs** Jacobs, Lloyd & Rainey, **Mrs** Spencer and **Youth Advisors** Hannah Tew, Jonathon Luter & Matthew Church.

There were no comments from members of the Public present (0)

- CP072 APOLOGIES
Apologies were received from Mrs Liz Jackson and IW Councillor Hobart, who had other meetings to attend, from Ms Kathy Marriott who was on the mainland and from Youth Advisor Ben Green who was unwell.
- CP073 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
There were no declarations of interest
- CP074 MINUTES
The minutes of the Community Projects Committee meeting held on 25th November 2008 were taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- CP075 MATTERS ARISING
- a. Fencing Contractor
Re minute CP070b (minutes CP024b & CP064b also refer): JFK Fencing has confirmed acceptance of the work and has said that notice of from 4 to 6 weeks would be needed before the job could start.
- b. Public Works Loan
Re minute CP070f: Tentative enquiries have been made into the Parish Council's position on obtaining a loan if conventional funding streams failed. The Local Government Act 2003 allows a Parish Council to borrow money for any purpose for which it is empowered. Whilst the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Section 19 relates to powers to provide recreational facilities, borrowing would exclude any future funding stream applications as funding organizations won't fund retrospectively for projects already paid for. This may be an option should drawn down funding need topping up.
- CP076 PLAY AREA PROJECT
Minutes CP023, CP042, CP049, CPO056, CP064 & CP070 refer
- a. Planning Consent
Planning consent was granted on 3/2/09 and approval came with 4 conditions, the most significant of which is a 3 year limit to commence work.
- b. Funding
A total of 4 funding applications have been submitted so far: two for £10,000, one for £50,000 and one for £60,000. There is one more funding application for £15,000 currently being completed which is a uniquely complicated application process. The £1500 from the Gurnard Bonfire Society has been banked with the £480 grant received last year. 3 of the 4 funding applications, namely one for £10,000, £50,000 and £60,000 were rejected, but £10,000 has been successfully secured for the £11000 fencing project, which will be received on 8/3/09 and must be used within 12 months. Other enquiries are being made through Eibe, as well as trying to tap into HM Government's pathfinder play strategy funding.

- c. Other Funding Opportunities
The Committee was informed that there were funding streams Parish Councils couldn't access, raising the question as to how useful setting up a local charity might be. Consideration was also given as to any other un-researched sources of funding and various suggestions of sources were made. The Youth Advisors agreed to help by surfing the internet and will send the links for any likely funding sources found to the Parish Clerk.
Resolved: To recommend to the Parish Council that it considers setting up a Gurnard Community Association with charity status.

CP077 PUBLIC TOILET BLOCK
Minutes CP010, CP017, CP025 & CP031b refer

- a. Meeting with IW Council 16/1/09
Councillors Salter & Day together with the Clerk met with Steve Boswell and Teresa Mitchell from the IW Council to discuss options for the future management of the block. Details of the new IW contract with Connaught Environmental Services were given and discussed, before moving onto to discuss what proved to be 5 possible options for the Parish Council's involvement. It was agreed that a survey would be carried out by the Parish Council and a condition report produced to pass on to the IW Council, together with suggestions for refurbishment.
- b. Condition Report
The Toilet block underwent a condition survey on 30/1/09 and a report, together with many photographs, was sent to the IW Council. This has been acknowledged and is being considered for action. It is hoped some of the Cowes Public Realm funds could be used to upgrade the block this year.
- c. Management Partnership Working
The new contract the IW Council has negotiated is far superior to the current one and the Parish Council has agreed to further investigate the possibility of entering into an agreement with the IW Council as per option 2, namely a supportive and monitoring role. The Clerk currently inspects the block on a weekly basis and consideration was given as what the committee's role might be.
Resolved: That the Committee considers the Parish Council should take on any agreed monitoring and supporting role rather than the Committee.

Councillor Fuller left the meeting at 8.23pm.

CP078 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA
a. To identify a new project

The meeting closed at 8.26pm

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Chairman