

The Minutes of the Community Projects Committee meeting held in the main hall at Gurnard Primary School in Hilton Road on Tuesday 29th November 2011 at 7pm.

PRESENT: **Councillors** Day & Mrs Bugden, **Messrs** Rainey, Lloyd, Jacobs & Fuller, **Mesdames** Marriott & Jackson and **Youth Advisor** Zoe Divers.

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

CP160 **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

CP161 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Paul Fuller made a personal declaration of interest in agenda item 7, due to him being an IW Councillor and the item referring to the IW Council as landowner.

CP162 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Community Projects Committee meeting held on 2nd August 2011 were taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

CP163 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 2nd AUGUST 2011**

a. Re: Minute CP152b – Liz Jackson confirmed no changes were needed to her register of financial and other interests, which brought the annual review of Community Projects Committee members to a close.

CP164 **PLAY AREA PROJECT**

Minutes CP023, CP042, CP049, CPO056, CP064, CP070, CP076, CP083, CP091, CP101, CP110, CP120, CP127, CP135, CP145 & CP155 refer

a. Report

The IW Council has a new set of ropes for the toddlers swing, and will replace them when necessary. They will eventually be replaced with chains. The IW Council has given the Parish Council a copy of the 2011 annual inspection report and will provide a complete weekly inspection log for the past year in March 2012, but has been asked to ensure the Parish Council is informed of anything untoward that any weekly inspection flags up at the time. No action is being taken at the moment about the gap under the fencing on the northern side. Evidence has been found of a dog having been taken into the enclosure recently.

b. Repairs

An illustrated report was provided to show ground problems where excessive wear had taken place and where the ground had sunk through use, and consideration was given as to the best remedial action to recommend.

Resolved: To recommend to the Parish Council that repairs are undertaken to rectify the problems through whatever means would be most effective, including the possible provision of additional matting or landing pads.

CP165 **GURNARD PRIMARY SCHOOL PROJECT**

Minutes CP111b, CP121b, CP 129, CP 137 CP146 & CP156 refer

a. Consultation

A questionnaire consultation was carried out in November, and distributed through Gurnard News, as well as on the website and at 2 locations in the Village. 35 completed questionnaires were received, equating to a 3.6% response.

b. Land & Consultation Evaluation (Orchard & Playing Field)
The IW Council's land valuation report gave the following figures: Orchard (0.102 hectares) - £3,500 & Playing Field (0.56 hectares) - £10,000.
The consultation evaluation flagged up use of the site for allotments as 1st choice, closely followed by use as a playing field and enhancing the orchard in joint 2nd place with some favouring a combined use. It was agreed the size of the current response doesn't give a mandate for action, so lengthy consideration was given as to how to encourage a greater response from the community.

Agreed: That a 2nd model questionnaire would be produced to include initial feedback and implications from the 1st model and to distribute through the school newsletter on 2/12/11 (including electronic copy); To seek to have a committee presence with questionnaires at the Gurnard Primary School Christmas Fayre on 9/12/11, the forthcoming art exhibition and at other community group gatherings to encourage feedback; To produce new maps of the site for the community action events and the website, and to promote a response through Village Talk and IW Radio; To seek project assistance from Eco-Island's David Green.

c. Further Action

Further consideration was given in terms of recommendations to be made to the Parish Council in respect of any other action points to be undertaken at this stage.

Agreed: To recommend that the Parish Council carries out its own land valuation survey through the District Valuer, and to consider involving Rowan Adams in the orchard regeneration project.

CP166

FUTURE PROJECTS

a. Green Towns Initiative (Minutes CP149a & CP 158a refer)

It was reported that a meeting had taken place with Malcolm Gibson from the Green Towns Initiative and Linda Brown from Cowes Town Council, and a Cowes Green Streets project is being considered using the Neighbourhood Watch Team. A general plan for Gurnard's Green Town status produced by Paul Fuller was examined, and it was agreed that much progress has already been made. Advice received was that a group needs to be formed to steer the project towards creating an action plan, which hopefully would be approved by the Parish Council thereby leading to the award of Green Town Status.

Resolved: That the Parish Council's Community Projects Committee takes on the role of Green Towns Initiative Steering Group.

b. Extended School's Agenda (Minutes CP149b & CP 158b refer)

An update was given which included that the school has now taken over this agenda from the IW Council but, due to all the current transitional changes going on, it is not a high priority at the moment. However, new links have been forged with Cowes Enterprise College.

CP167

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

No items were raised.

The meeting closed at 8.32pm

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Chairman