

The minutes of the Community Projects Committee meeting held in the main hall at Gurnard Primary School in Hilton Road on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at 7.15pm.

PRESENT: **Councillor** Day **Messrs** Lloyd and Jacobs, **Mesdames** Spencer, Marriott & Jackson and **Youth Advisors** Hannah Tew, Jonathon Luter & Matthew Church.

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

CP096 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs Bugden who had a work commitment and from Mike Rainey who was away.

CP097 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made.

CP098 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Community Projects Committee meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009 were taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

CP099 **MATTERS ARISING**

a. Re: minute CP094: The recommendation from the Community Projects Committee to the Parish Council that an additional dog bin is provided in the seating bay just to the east of the Parish boundary on Princes Esplanade has been accepted, and Cowes Town Council has agreed to share the cost of both the purchase and the servicing. The bin will be ordered soon.

CP100 **REGISTERS OF FINANCIAL AND OTHER INTERESTS**

An annual review of the committee members' registers of financial and other interests was carried out and there were no changes to make.

CO101 **PLAY AREA PROJECT**

Minutes CP023, CP042, CP049, CPO056, CP064, CP070, CP076, CP083 & CP091 refer

a. Project Update

A meeting with the fencing contractor took place on 18/8/09 and the site was pegged out and a fresh quote produced. £27,841.50 was transferred on 31/7/09 to Eibe who then placed the order. A further transfer of £5729.16 was made to MacArthur's in Southampton for the fencing on 28/8/09 - manufacturing is underway and it expected that a 2/3 day installation will follow on immediately from delivery, expected 7/10/09 or 14/9/09. European Union guidelines require the easy gate accesses are of a contrasting colour to the fencing, and the IW Council gave its approval for the gates to be signal green - these 2 gates will cost £1,569.75, and

they have been delivered to the fencing contractor already. Following a pre-contract meeting on 10/9/09 Eibe commenced installation on 14/9/09 – prior to this, flyers were posted to all 40 beach hut owners and Esplanade residents advising them of the start date. It was noticed the ship was being installed at the wrong angle and, following examination of the plans the installation team was working to, it was realised Eibe had given them the wrong plans. The site was re-paced and, subject to one small item having its position changed, all was well. The Installers completed installation on 22/9/09, and the Parish Council met with Eibe on site on 23/9/09 and signed the scheme off subject to it passing the pre-use safety inspection - the temporary fencing will remain in place until the bow top fencing is installed. There was one break-in to the site enclosure over the weekend 18/9/09, but fortunately no damage was sustained. A plaque will be required to advertise the funding organizations. 2 sections of Herras fencing appear to have recently been pushed over to an angle. **It was agreed to write to Mike Rainey to thank him for his invaluable assistance with this project.**

- b. Seating and Waste Management  
Initial but unsuccessful attempts have being made to order both the seat and the bin, though there is now some doubt as to whether the IW Council will pay for the bin emptying.
- c. Pre-Delivery Safety Inspection  
The IW Council is arranging an independent safety inspection through “The Inspection Company”, and this will take place on 2/10/09.
- d. Handover  
Although the Parish Council has signed for receipt of the equipment, the form was modified to state “subject to the scheme passing the safety inspection”. Eibe verbally acknowledged this, and an e-mail has been sent to state the Parish Council’s position on this.
- e. On-Going Management  
The Parish Council met with the IW Council on 25/9/09 for a post installation inspection, and the representative was content with the installation. The IW Council has agreed to take over immediate responsibility for the scheme.
- f. Watering and Site Monitoring  
The grass seed needs watering and the site monitoring until the fencing is installed. Discussion took place about the logistics of this and **it was agreed that Kathy Marriott would speak to a Fire Service neighbour to see if he could assist with the watering.**
- g. Footpath Access (Eastern end)  
A verbal quote of £600 has been obtained for the access path to link the east access gate to the existing footpath, which will be taken to the Parish Council next month for approval. **The footpath arrangements being at a 90 degree angle to the gate were discussed and agreed.**
- h. Launch Event  
County Hall’s media team is expected to make contact shortly about a formal launch event, and the Parish Council will discuss this next month. The committee discussed some ideas including inviting a celebrity, but **it was agreed to recommend that the Primary School children as a body would be involved in the opening event.** It was suggested that the best time would be about 2pm on a school day from 3/11/09 onwards and the pre-school could also come. **The Clerk will inform Mark Thomas**

**and Vicky Spencer will speak to Paul Savill.** A risk assessment would probably be needed with so many youngsters on the Green.

CP102

### **GURNARD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

Minutes CP076c, CP 082 & CP092 refer

The Community Association now has its full complement of 9 members, and these are Vicky Spencer, Kathy Marriott, Paul Fuller, Richard Day, Graham Lloyd, Alan Jacobs, Estelle Hibberd, Liz Hennessy and Rusty Adams. The new committee will be meeting immediately after the Community Projects Committee meeting for its inaugural meeting.

CP0103

### **NEW PROJECTS**

Minutes CP034, CP084 & CP093 refer

Footpath Project

Rights of Way would oversee the creation of any new footpath and Legal Services would have to draw up any deed of agreement under instruction from either Alex Russell or Helen Stitchbury. If Sustrans was used as a possible source of match funding, the footpath would have to be a cycle track too. The Parish Council would need legal counsel if it entered into the agreement. Guidance from the Highways Act 1980 gives 3 options:

**Section 30** - Creation by agreement between Parish & Community with landowner to dedicate a highway (e.g.: footpath, bridleway, cycletrack), where the dedication would be beneficial to the inhabitants of the Parish. The Parish Council may carry out the works or contribute to the cost of carrying out maintenance or improvement works in connection with the agreement – the IW Council would not be responsible for maintaining the path.

**Section 25** - Drawing up a Local Authority Public Path Creation Order (footpath or bridleway) where there is an identified public need. Compensation for depreciation or damage from any disturbance is payable to the landowners, and this is agreed beforehand or decided by Land Tribunal after the order is confirmed and where no agreement was reached. (If there is agreement, Section 25 would normally be used. Section 26 might be used where no owner was identified or agreement could not be reached with one or all of the landowners). Cyclists have a right to use a bridleway but they must give way to pedestrians and horse riders.

**Section 24** - This is a general power for Local Authorities to construct highways, including cycle tracks, but this would involve a constructed surface such as tarmac, and construction works such as this require planning consent.

Vicky Spencer reported that she had spoken to one or two local landowners and the initial reaction was a little negative and expressed some specific concerns. Google Earth failed to give a proper view of the proposed route due to tree cover. Further discussion favoured a footpath and cyclepath rather than a bridleway, and that a hard surface would be needed - there may also be a need for lighting. A large scale Ordinance Survey map would be a useful tool for the committee.

It was agreed that a letter would be produced to formally solicit a response from residents and landowners to the idea of a footpath from Worsley Lane across the Jordan, through to the bottom of the Woodvale House estate and up into Woodvale Road. The Clerk will produce a draft letter and send to Vicky Spencer and Kathy Marriott for comment, before producing 15 final copies for Vicky Spencer to deliver.

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**ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

One item was suggested, namely a further review of the Parish Plan Action Plan for further projects.

The meeting closed at 8.14pm

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Chairman