

The Minutes of the Community Projects Committee meeting held in the main hall at Gurnard Primary School in Hilton Road on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2011 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: **Councillors** Day & Mrs Bugden, **Messrs** Rainey, Lloyd & Fuller and **Ms** Marriott.

There were no comments from members of the Public present (1 - IWCP)

- CP150 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**  
**Resolved: That Councillor Day is elected to serve as Chairman until the Annual Meeting 2012.**
- CP151 **APOLOGIES**  
Apologies were received from Alan Jacobs, Liz Jackson and Paul Fuller who all had other commitments.
- CP152 **CODE OF CONDUCT**  
a. Declarations of Interest  
There were no declarations of interest made.  
b. Registers of Financial and Other Interests  
An annual review of all members' registers of financial and other interests was carried out of those members who are not Parish Councillors, and no changes were required from those present.
- CP153 **MINUTES**  
The minutes of the Community Projects Committee meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2011 were taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- CP154 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2011**  
a. Re: Minute CP148a – 3 volunteers came forward to help with the folding of Gurnard News but there is still a need for help with the printing, which takes 3 or 4 hours about 10 days before distribution.  
**It was agreed to profile this in September's Gurnard News.**  
b. Re: Minute CP148b – Contact has been made with the Love Lane Children's Centre and expanding the contacts list in Gurnard News in this respect would be welcomed.  
**It was agreed that Kathy Marriott would liaise with the Gurnard News editor over an article and expanding the contacts list.**
- CP155 **PLAY AREA PROJECT**  
Minutes CP023, CP042, CP049, CP056, CP064, CP070, CP076, CP083, CP091, CP101, CP110, CP120, CP127, CP135 & CP145 refer  
a. Environmental Health Complaint  
A further complaint about noise was mentioned at the Annual Parish Meeting in April, but no formal complaint has been made to Environmental Health yet.  
b. Toddlers Swing  
The damaged plastic insert thimbles in the rope eyelets that support the toddlers swing seat were replaced in May, but with plastic thimble inserts again. In June one of the bolts that secures the ropes to the seat sheared - the IW Council was informed and moved very rapidly – the seat was removed the same day, and

repaired early the following week. In early July one of the plastic thimble inserts started to crack again, and the IW Council is talking to Eibe about a new design.

CP156

### **SCHOOL ASSET TRANSFER PROJECT**

Minutes CP111b, CP121b, CP129, CP137 & CP146 refer

- a. Planning Proposals - An exhibition of outline proposals for the school site, which involved the demolition of all the school buildings and the swimming pool, and replacing them with a development of 7 houses took place on 6/7/11, which seemed to receive a cautiously positive response from visitors. The Parish Council took issue with the IW Council over its poor communication of these proposals, and apologies have been received with an assurance of being kept informed about all future proposals, including those for the orchard and playing field.

**Paul Fuller joined the meeting at this stage.**

- b. Land Registration & Covenants (Orchard & Playing Field) - A copy of the Land Registry Completion of Registration documentation for the site has been obtained, which indicate the 2 parcels of land were transferred to the IW Council at least 3 years ago, and covenants on some areas of the site as a whole go back to 1902 but seem to focus more on where the school buildings are – they include Cattle proof fencing, access from Cockleton Lane, 4' weldmesh fencing, erection of buildings, British Gas & Southern Water access rights, tidiness of land and observation of building line.

**Consideration needs to be given to how these covenants might impact upon any future use of the site.**

- c. Orchard & Playing Field (Minute CP149c also refers)

Discussion took place on how these areas could be put to community use should they be offered, which included allotments, community gardens and other amenity uses, together with ways of consulting with the local community. It was suggested to involve some of the original Asset Transfer Group members in the consultation process, as well as those who assisted with the SHLAA leaflet drop. It is believed that the play area equipment will move to the Solent site.

**Resolved: That Paul Fuller, accompanied by Mike Rainey and Rusty Adams, would arrange to meet with Barry Cooke in September to discuss use of the 2 parcels of land. That the consultation process with the community would get underway by 9/9/11 and that the process is delegated to Mike Rainey, Paul Fuller, Kathy Marriott & Rusty Adams. That an item is placed in Gurnard News in September to update the community, and to profile the forthcoming consultation.**

CP157

### **FOOTPATH PROJECT**

Minutes CP084, CP093, CP103, CP111, CP121a, CP128, CP136 & CP147 refer.

- a. Land adjacent to Gurnard Pines

A report was given on investigations carried out to the land area immediately to the south of The Pines, which included a map illustrating 4 possible route options, all of which involved privately owned farm land and much discussion ensued.

- b. The Way Forward

Discussion took place on both the viability of the project and the likelihood of gaining landowners' support and permissions, as well as the need to obtain advice from one of the landowners on these points.

**It was agreed to postpone any further action at this stage, with the hope other events taking place may present opportunities to informally discuss this project with one or other of the landowners involved to gauge a response.**

CP158

**FUTURE PROJECTS**

a.

Green Towns Initiative (Minute CP149a refers)

It was reported that Cowes Town Council plans a Green Towns project, and consideration was given to Gurnard taking on a similar project. It was agreed that a project leader with the drive needed is required to coordinate the efforts of others, and that perhaps a meeting could be called to gauge interest.

**It was agreed that Paul Fuller would place an item in September's Gurnard News explaining the project with a view to calling a meeting, adding that it has the support of the Parish Council's Community Projects Committee.**

b.

Extended School's Agenda (Minute CP149b refers)

An update was given which included that the IW Councils budget for this was handed over to schools on 1/4/11 without the funds being ring-fenced, and that some school clusters had subsequently taken this work in house, but the Cowes, Northwood & Gurnard cluster has kept the coordinator, Jo Drake, in place. Whilst there is no statutory requirement for there to be an extended schools agenda, HM Government is supportive of the principle and it has been very successful on the Island.

c.

Waste Bins on Princes Esplanade

It was suggested at the Annual Parish Meeting on 26/4/11 that additional litter and dog bins were needed in the Village Green area. The committee considered the current status quo, in light of the additional bins supplied 4 years ago, and **It was agreed that there are enough dog and litter bins in the Village Green area already.**

d.

Additional Projects

**It was agreed that no additional projects would be taken on for the time being.**

CP159

**ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

No items were raised.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

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Chairman