

BARNSTAPLE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the ROCK PARK TRUST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE meeting held on WEDNESDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2017 COMMENCING AT 1.00PM in the Guildhall, Barnstaple.

Present: Cllr Mrs J Hunt (Chairman)
Cllrs S Upcott, Mrs V Elkins, Mrs E Davies, M Kennaugh, I Williams, G Langford and Mrs L York.

Also present: W Austin (Town Clerk), Mr D Smith (Friends of Rock Park), Mr K Turner (Tarka Radio), and Mr N Jupp (Tarka Radio).

RP126 APOLOGIES

No apologies for absence were received.

RP127 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

Cllr Mrs J Hunt, as a member of North Devon Council, has dispensation under S.O.66 to discuss and vote on all items on the agenda unless the item concerns a legal or financial agreement or dispute between the two authorities.

RP128 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12TH JULY 2017

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12th July 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

(6, 2abs)

RP129 REQUESTS FOR THE USE/HIRE OF ROCK PARK

Members considered the following applications for use or hire of the park:

- Tarka in the Park – one-day entertainment/music festival, with set-up days (22/8/2018 to 27/8/2017 inclusive), organiser Tarka Radio
- Circus Wonderland – circus, with set up days (15/7/2018 to 22/7/2017 inclusive), organiser Circus World Entertainment Ltd
- Mrs C Richards – memorial bench in memory of Dylan Robson

Mr K Turner and Mr N Jupp of Tarka Radio attended and addressed members in support of their application.

RESOLVED: That the application from Tarka Radio for a one-day entertainment/music festival, with set-up days (22/8/2018 to 27/8/2017 inclusive) be approved, subject to receipt of a comprehensive event plan at least 60 days prior to the event, and acceptance that this plan is acceptable; such assessment to be made under delegation by the Chairman and Clerk.

(NC)

Mr Smith, Mr Turner and Mr Jupp left the meeting at this point and did not return

RESOLVED: That the application from Circus World Entertainment Ltd for a circus, with set up days (15/7/2018 to 22/7/2017 inclusive) be approved, subject to the applicant's acceptance of the current conditions of hire, and receipt of an up-to-date public liability insurance certificate prior to the event.

(NC)

RESOLVED: That the application from Mrs C Richards for a memorial bench be approved.

(NC)

The Clerk reported that an urgent application for a 'Bubble Rush' fun run to be held on 21st October 2017, submitted by Care For Kids North Devon, had been approved under delegation by the Chairman and Clerk.

RP130 PLANNING APPLICATION

Cllr Mrs Hunt declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in this item as a neighbour and close friend of the applicant, and left the meeting for the duration of discussion and voting.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Upcott assumes the chair for this item only.
(5, 1abs)

The Clerk summarised a planning application by Eastside FC for siting of two storage containers and erection of a boundary fence in the park.

RESOLVED: That planning application 63498 be recommended for approval.
(6, 1abs)

Cllr Mrs Hunt returned to the meeting at this point and assumed the chair.

RP131 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk referred members to the August budget report that had been circulated prior to the meeting.

He further outlined repairs to play equipment that had been carried out since the last meeting, and introduced a proposal for a new nest swing, two swings for older children, a ground level trampoline, a play house, a 'magic mirror' and minor repairs to existing equipment. These works had been identified as a result of discussions at the previous meeting.

Comparative quotes had been sought and the lowest quote received was £15,000. A small amount of grant funding was available, and the supplier had agreed to split the cost over two financial years.

RESOLVED: That the acquisition of new equipment and repairs to existing equipment should proceed as reported by the Clerk, and the cost of £15,000 be accepted.

(NC)

RESOLVED: That the report from the Clerk on management matters and budget monitoring report be received and noted.

(NC)

RP132 REVIEW OF CONDITIONS FOR USE/HIRE OF ROCK PARK

The Clerk summarised a report reviewing the current conditions for use/hire, including comparisons with parks in other towns.

Members considered possible changes to charges for use/hire of the park, but felt that they needed to further absorb the report's contents before proceeding to make decisions.

RESOLVED: That this item be deferred to the next meeting.

(NC)

Meeting closed 2.52pm.

Chairman.

Signed.....

Dated.....