

BARNSTAPLE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the ROCK PARK TRUST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE meeting held on WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017 COMMENCING AT 1.00PM in the Guildhall, Barnstaple.

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

Also present: W Austin (Town Clerk).

RP115 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs S Upcott and I Roome.

RP116 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.

RP117 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

(NC)

RP117 REQUESTS FOR THE USE/HIRE OF ROCK PARK

No new applications were tabled for consideration by the committee. The Clerk summarised the following application agreed under delegation by the Chairman and Clerk:

- Ms A Hill - Weekly yoga sessions between June and September.

RESOLVED: That the decision of the Chairman and Clerk taken under delegation be noted and approved.

(NC)

RP118 CLERK'S REPORT AND BUDGET MONITORING STATEMENT

The budget monitoring report for March had been circulated with the agenda. The Clerk reported that he had no issues of concern to raise.

Members considered a report on management matters as shown at Appendix 1 to these minutes.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk should arrange a visit to Rock Park Lodge to consider the works required, and that this should then be tabled for discussion at the next meeting. (NC)

RESOLVED: That no additional cleaning of the toilets is required. (NC)

RESOLVED: That the submission of a grant application to the strategic element of the County/District Council Town and Parish (TAP) Fund be noted. (NC)

RESOLVED: That the arrangements for use of football pitches for the 2017/18 season be delegated to the Clerk. (NC)

RESOLVED: That the Clerks report on maintenance matters be noted. (NC)

RP119 REVIEW OF CONDITIONS FOR USE/HIRE OF ROCK PARK

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

Meeting closed 1.43pm

Chairman.

Signed.....

Dated.....

## **Clerk's Report – Rock Park Trust 5 April 2017**

### **Rock Park Lodge**

A recent informal survey of problems at the Lodge has identified significant works remedial works that are required:

- Additional support for fireplace opening;
- Repairs to chimney coping/brickwork;
- Repairs to lean-to roof and associated ornate lead guttering; and
- Remedial damp proofing internally.

The cost of these works has initially been estimated at £30,000, although the cost could be higher and is subject to a formal survey.

The Trust may want to consider including this in the buildings review currently being conducted by the Town Council.

### **Toilets**

We have received two complaints recently from the same person about the state of the toilets. They are cleaned daily but are unlikely ever to be in pristine condition. Members are asked to consider whether additional cleaning is required.

### **Play Area**

A grant application has been submitted to the strategic element of the County/District Council Town and Parish (TAP) Fund, to support the cost of replacing the nest swing and the pirate ship. The application will be considered by the District Council Executive on 10 April, but District Council officers have recommended refusal on the grounds that "it is not considered to benefit two or more locality areas". This despite a letter of support from Fremington Parish Council, and analysis of a survey carried out which showed visitors to the park coming from neighbouring towns, other parts of Devon, and from other counties. There is an option to have the application considered for funding from the Barnstaple-specific TAP allocation, but I consider that this should not be taken forward unless the application is refused at Executive and an explanation given as to why this application does not benefit areas beyond Barnstaple.

### **Football Pitches**

After a period of no competitive use of the two pitches, two youth football clubs are now playing on them regularly. The arrangement is at present an informal one, with bookings taken as and when, on a first come first served basis. The pitch fee is £12 per match, based on guidance from the NDDC Sports Development Officer. The Trust is asked to delegate responsibility for developing a more formal arrangement with the two clubs from next season, including consideration of reinstatement of a third pitch if required.

### **Will Austin, Clerk to Rock Park Trust**