

HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

ASSETS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



AMC/19/5/71

REPORT (Minutes) of the Assets Management Committee held at the Fleur de Lys Council Chambers, Market Street, Hailsham, on Wednesday 11th December 2019 at 7.00 pm.

Public Forum

Mr S. Wennington addressed the Committee alongside two members of Hailsham United Football Club. They advised they are trying to improve facilities for the pavilion at Maurice Thornton, not just for the Football Club but also for the local community and they have a number of people on the Committee who are willing to put funds towards this.

A letter of support for the improvements to the Pavilion and playing field had also been sent from the Town Farm Residents Association.

The members of the Football Club stated they would like to focus for the moment on creating drainage on the largest football pitch, nearest the school. This is likely to cost around £4,000 and there are funds still allocated from the Council for this.

The Football Club further advised they have been offered a new kitchen by a local company.

The Town Clerk read out an email from Councillor Anne Marie Ricketts, in relation to the agenda item for the James West Community Hall. Councillor Ricketts advised she was against the proposal to re-establish the Sub Committee for the James West Community Hall.

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Committee members present

Councillors: C. Bryant, R. Grocock (Chairman), P. Holbrook, M. Laxton, K. Hinton, T. Powis, C. Tasane

Officers in attendance: J. Harrison and K. Giddings

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Apologies For Absence:

None were received

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Declarations of Interest

None were received

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Minutes of Previous Meeting

Councillor P. Holbrook advised that although both he and Councillor Mrs B. Holbrook were present at the meeting they had not been recorded as present

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Assets Management Committee held on Wednesday 13th November 2019 (Ref 19/4/53-70) as amended, printed and circulated, may be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman

76 **To receive an update about progress of resolutions from the last meeting of the Assets Management Committee on 13th November 2019**

- K. Giddings will check whether approval is needed from East Sussex County Council regarding the choice of bus shelter for Hawkes Road
- M. Caira is organising the marking of the lines for Badminton, tennis and basketball at the James West Community Centre
- J. Harrison has contacted the Community Land Trust and the Land Trust agree that they should liaise with Wealden District Council before any further decision is taking on the sale of the land
- K. Giddings has contacted the member of the public who requested to place a memorial fruit tree in the Dennis King Sensory Garden and has advised them that this is not possible. The member of the public has confirmed they will look elsewhere for a site for their memorial tree

77 **Hailsham United Football Club**

Members discussed the proposals and it was agreed that the roof of the Pavilion needs to be replaced before any other maintenance can be carried out to the building

The Town Clerk was asked to organise a site meeting to discuss the plans for the pavilion.

77.1 **RESOLVED to:**

- i) organise a site meeting with the Town Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk, Works Supervisor and members of the Committee and the Football Club, to discuss the plans and proposals
- ii) discuss the agenda item further at the January Assets Management Meeting

78 **Working Group**

Members discussed the formation of a working group and it was proposed instead to send representatives from the Assets Management Committee to the Hailsham Active meetings, which are held 3 times a year. It was further agreed for the Town Council to hold a meeting twice a year with all the local sports clubs, at the Town Council offices

78.1 **RESOLVED to:**

- i) hold two meetings twice yearly, inviting all the local Sports Clubs
- ii) Councillor T. Powis to attend the Hailsham Active meetings, as the representative from the Assets Management Committee

79 **Town Council Youth Service**

Members noted A. Joyes report on the youth service and thanked Andy and his team for all their work.

80 **Metal Detecting**

A member of the public had asked whether he could metal detect on Council owned areas. He had advised he would make good any disturbed area of land. Members discussed the proposal and concern was expressed at policing the activity and whether a public open space was an appropriate area for metal detecting. After much consideration it was decided to refuse the request.

80.1 **RESOLVED** to refuse the request to metal detect on Council owned land

81 **Cemetery Report**

Members noted the report by Councillor T. Powis and Mrs B. Holbrook

82 **Confidential Business**

Resolved that due to the special and confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, and possible disclosure of personal or legal information not in the public interest at the present time, the following items of business be transacted following the temporary exclusion of members of the Public and Press, in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders No. 1E.

Dog Burial

The reason for exclusion is:

(b) terms of tenders, and proposals, and counter-proposals in negotiations for contracts

83 **Cemetery Report**

Dog Burial

Members agreed to add into the cemetery regulations a policy that no animals can be buried on the cemetery site

83.1 **RESOLVED:**

- i) The Town Clerk to contact the Traveller Liaison Department at East Sussex County Council for advice on the issue of the canine burial
- ii) To include a condition in the Cemetery Policy that no animals can be buried in the Cemetery

84 **Chapel Bell**

Members discussed the bell at the chapel and agreed that due to its weight it should be removed and stored elsewhere

84.1 **RESOLVED** to remove the chapel bell and donate to the Historical Museum

Councillor P. Holbrook abstained from voting on the matter

85 **James West Community Hall**

Members discussed the request to re-establish the sub-committee for the Community Hall. Members were against the idea of a sub committee but instead suggested that two reports could be submitted to the Committee on a twice-yearly basis, outlining details of which groups are hiring the hall and any other relevant information

Members further agreed to consider setting a budget for the running of the Hall.

A request was made for the outside of the building to be painted, at the frontage, and to also place lighting around the side of the building. J. Harrison said he would look into these requests and also investigate the situation of the proposed football pitch.

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RESOLVED:

- i) Not to re-establish a sub committee for the James West Community Hall
- ii) To submit twice yearly reports to the Assets Management Committee, providing general information on the Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15 pm. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th January 2020 at 7.00 pm

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