

**Minutes of the Recreation and Services Committee Meeting
held on Monday 10th February 2020 at 7:30pm
at the Olney Centre**

Present: Councillors Deirdre Bethune, John Boardman, Stephen Clark, Graham Harrison, Malcolm Messenger, Dr Sally Pezaro, Jeremy Rawlings, Colin Rodden, Peter Geary.

In attendance: Andrea Vincent (Town Clerk)

Public Forum

A representative of the Fishing Club reported that they had asked the Environment Agency for £10K to support their work in maintaining the riverbanks. He also requested that the committee consider providing storage for their equipment.

A local resident reported that the Climate change group were looking to stage an Eco Fair in the spring and be represented at the Pancake Race.

A local resident requested an update on the implementation of the recommendations made in a report to the council from the Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Environmental Records Centre (BMERC)

A local resident proposed a heritage orchard in the allotment field for community and educational benefit.

A representative of the Allotments Association noted that there was some discussion around the administration work of the allotments. She felt that a joint set of rules must be a win win situation. She will forward a document for the next meeting.

1. To receive apologies for absence

No apologies

2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 25th September 2019

Resolved: Agreed as amended.

3. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda

Noted for items 5 and 6 Cllr Harrison and Cllr D Eley are both married to allotment holders

4. To consider a request for an exception to the cemetery rules

Resolved: The Town Clerk is to write to the gentleman concerned agreeing to his request.

Signed: Cllr D Eley, 19th October 2020

5. To receive a position statement from the Allotment Association
The document provided several options.
Resolved: Proposed that it go to full council in principle for adoption

6. To consider a request for a skip from the Allotment Association
Resolved: Agreed

7. To consider a request from the Fishing Club
Resolved: A) Grant funding towards the bridges will be considered once the Fishing Club have a response from the Environment Agency.
B) Storage - an agenda item for JUG – although agreed a second hand 28x4 container could be purchased C) The regular amount paid by the Council to the Fishing Club to contribute to their up keep of the banks and bridges to be increased to £300.

8. To consider a request for a dog show on the Rec
Resolved: The Town Clerk to negotiate with the proposer – possibly other parks in Olney would be a better venue.

9. To receive a report from the Climate Change Working Party
Discussed in detail, the chair confirmed that the Council have taken on board the 10 recommendations from BEMERC. The needs of JUG need to be taken into account too. The report had a lot to recommend it.
Resolved: The Council will see what matches with the MKC strategy and look to adopt a hybrid report at the April full Council Meeting.

10. To discuss a date for a JUG meeting
Resolved: To arrange with 2 weeks' notice for the third week in March

11. To receive an update on the Market Place/Toilets
The Chair reported that on a Vox Pop he did there was some concern amongst residents that the toilets were too expensive. Widely discussed.
Resolved: Cllr Bethune to canvas hospitality venues around the Market Place as to whether they would provide public conveniences to non-customers. Also, that the chair could obtain costed specifications.

12. To discuss the signing of the MKC Landscape contract

Resolved: To delegate the checking of the contract to the Chair and Town Clerk.