
SEDGEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Minutes of the proceedings of the **April COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** of the **Council** held following the Environment committee meeting in the **Council Offices**, Advice & Information Centre, Sedgefield, on **Monday 18th April 2011**.

Present **Cllr. Maxine Robinson (Chairman)**
Cllrs. P. Bodo, A. Blakemore, D. Brown, H. Clifford-Brown, T. Jeanes, M. Robinson, S. Sutherland and D. Waters.

1. Apologies

Lesley Swinbank (Town Clerk), Cllrs. S. Hannan, M. Brown, J. Robinson, R. Taylor, S. Green

2. Declaration of interest

None

3. Matters of Information

3.1 Christmas Lights

The Clerk confirmed that Cllr. David Brown is supporting an application for £5,000 from the Neighbourhood Enhancement Programme for new trenching for Christmas lights which will be on the Green adjacent to Rectory Row.

RECOMMENDED

- i) **To receive the information**
- ii) **To seek prices etc.**

4. Reports

4.1 Youth Council

Cllr John Robinson, in conjunction with the head teachers of the three schools, is currently working to support the development of the Youth Council. Report to come to a future meeting.

4.2 Grants/Projects Update

This had been circulated. I

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information

4.3 Sedgefield 700

The minutes of the meeting held Friday 25th March had been circulated. The next meeting has been arranged for June.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information

4.4 Sedgefield Together Steering Group

A report had been circulated.

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information

4.5 Bowling Green

The Chairman gave the report on the recent meeting which was held between Geoff Hughes (Consultant), Mr. Nick Hughes (Cricket Club), Mr. David Iceton (Cricket Club) and representatives from the Cricket Club and bowling green. At the meeting Mr. Hughes gave a comprehensive report on progress on recent meetings that he had had with planners and also Andy Niven from DCC. The lease from DCC is awaited. In addition the report has been received re the proposed sighting, soil etc. It was reported that there is now a need for an archeological study – the cost being about £2,500, with an anticipated overall proposed cost of the Bowling Green being about £60,000.

RECOMMENDED

- i) **To receive the information**
- ii) **To proceed with the archeological study**
- iii) **Mr. Hughes to go ahead and apply for the formal planning application**

5. Correspondence

5.1 None to date

6. Civic & Mayors Events: See information sheet

The list of the Civic and Mayor's events had been circulated. Members were reminded that handover of cheques from the Mayor's Charity will take place at the beginning of the Annual Town Meeting

RECOMMENDED

To receive the information

7. Crossbill – Tables on Village Greens –

Members were advised that a letter had been delivered in respect of using village greens and that the proprietor would request the council revisit this issue. He will write requesting this to council, but to date no letter had been received.

RECOMMEND

To await receipt of the letter and then agenda as appropriate.

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- 8. Athletics Track Proposal** – The Chair reported on a meeting earlier in the evening with Sedgefield Harriers convened to bring members up to date with the proposal for an athletics track at Sedgefield Community College. The Harriers had produced a comprehensive report and they have made an application to the AAP to help fund a feasibility study. They are currently working towards a meeting with the planners with a view to making a planning application soon after. The estimated cost for the project is expected to be in line with a similar facility where 6 lanes cost £250,000, estimated now at £300,000. The report was made available to council members who had been unable to attend the meeting.

RECOMMEND

To receive the report and continue to support the project.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.10p.m.