

A RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD AT 7.00PM ON MONDAY 23 APRIL 2012 AT GLOBE HOUSE, ALCESTER (Seggs Lane entrance)

Present

Cllr. Bunting (Chair), Cllr. Adams, Cllr. Payne, Cllr. Brown, Cllr. Hine, Cllr. Cargill, Cllr. Knapman, Cllr. Kenyon, Chris Wright and J Rowlatt (Committee Clerk)

Public Participation at Discretion of Chair

No members of the public were present.

1. Apologies

No apologies were received.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 26th March having been circulated were proposed to be accepted and approved by the committee.

4. Recreation Facilities

The Pavilion Development

The new doors have been fitted. The Architect is to draw up plans for the new ladies toilets also plans for stairs to the mezzanine floor which will give access from the old showers. He is also getting quotes for vinyl flooring. Our workforce will help in the decoration and other works at the pavilion whenever possible. The County Council Pod provided for the Junior Youth Club is to be cleared out and removed from site. It was reported that the original builders of the pavilion development had gone into liquidation.

Cllr. Brown announced that there would be a donation made to the Pavilion from the proceeds of the recent 'Titanic' event.

Play Areas

Work Sheets for the maintenance of the equipment at the play areas are now allocated by the Clerk on a weekly basis. Items for repairs to safety surfaces and equipment have been delivered and work is in progress on all sites.

- a. Conway Fields - It was agreed to get 2 more quotes for the fencing off of the play areas. Bins have been put in place either end of the railway track.
- b. Conway Vision - it was agreed to call a special meeting to consider what additional play equipment to include disabled users was needed and to get quotes.
- c. Collins Way - Instruction to paint play equipment issued. Replacement for missing cover for roundabout being sought.
- d. Moorfields – The gate post has been repaired and repairs to safety surface issued.
- e. Bleachfield - Safety surface repairs in progress.

f. Stratford Road Recreation Ground - Cllr. Cargill reported that the trees were at the Nursery, to be replaced in October. Contractors will be on site for three weeks to carry out remedial works. Grinding out of stump to be done tomorrow. Issues with English Heritage means that the second tree stump cannot be removed. The site after the contractors have gone will be screeded, compacted and securely fenced off. The uneven footpath at the recreation field has been reported to WCC.

5. **Ground Maintenance**

Cllr Bunting requested that a works order be raised for top dressing to Conway Fields footpath Riverside walk.

6. **Environment**

Cllr. Knapman presented draft proposals for a garden share project that was discussed at the environmental sub-committee meeting. It was agreed that the Council, whilst supporting the idea, would not actually be involved with it. A survey of the green spaces in Alcester is to go in the next newsletter and it was agreed to try and enlist the help of students from the Grammar School to take part in a snap shot survey around the Town.

7. **Allotments**

All plots are allocated and there are seven people on the waiting list.

8. **Cemetery**

There was nothing new to report. There were no memorials for approval

9. **Vision for Alcester**

With the exception of the skate park all other projects are complete and it was agreed that the committee must get full details of Vision's proposals for the skate park before planning stage.

10. **Section 106 Future Projects**

Present a case for provision of additional open spaces, play areas and equipment for existing and future sites.

11. **Items for Recommendation to Full Council**

To support in principle Garden Share and Green Space survey.

12. **Terms of Reference and Current Projects**

To review the Terms of Reference of the Recreation and Open Spaces Committee

13. **Correspondence**

Green newsletter passed around.

14. **Date of Next Meeting –**

Monday 28 May 2012 7.00 pm at Globe House