

MALVERN TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

held on Thursday 6 October 2016

in the Town Council Offices, Belle Vue Terrace, Malvern, at 6.00pm

Councillors:

Present:

I G Hopwood (Chairman)
C A L Bovey
H Campbell
L Lambeth (6.20pm)
P Mewton
J Thomas

Absent:

M J R Charles
P Smith (Apologies)
D Watkins

In attendance:

Charles Porter – Operations Manager
Mary Piercy – Minute Clerk
Cllr C Palmer

22. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr P Smith.

23. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

24. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The following Minutes of the Operations Committee meeting were approved:

- Thursday 25 August 2016

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Sarah Hawkins, of 3Sixty Café addressed the meeting in relation to Agenda Item 6, 'Redevelopment of Victoria Park Pavilion'.

She reported that she had made a considerable investment in the business, employed three local people and had supported an NVQ apprenticeship. However, space was an issue, heating/ventilation was poor and storage limited. Improved access, better signage, and internal toilets (including one with disabled access) were needed.

Ms Hawkins asked members to bear in mind the importance of enabling the café to continue operating during any redevelopment work.

25. **OPERATIONS: VEHICLE / MACHINERY BUDGET 2017 / 2018**

Report OC01/16 was received.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that Council approve the inclusion of the following in the Council's Vehicle / Machinery Replacement Budget for 2017 /18, the costs to be met from the Vehicle Machinery Replacement Reserve.

Machine	Cost
Replace Ford Ranger	£20,000
Replace Flail Mower	£ 3,500

26. **HEART OF ENGLAND IN BLOOM**

Report OC02/16 was received.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that, further to winning Gold in the Heart of England in Bloom campaign 2016, the Council should enter the Large Town category of Heart of England in Bloom 2017 and that a reserve of £5,000 should be added to the budget for this purpose.

27. **REDEVELOPMENT OF VICTORIA PARK PAVILION**

Further to the site visit to Victoria Park the previous week, Cllr Mewton circulated a plan showing a possible layout for an improved Pavilion at Victoria Park which would provide more space for the café together with internal toilets and a storage area.

Cllr Thomas pointed out that Victoria Park was not only popular for its playing field but also as a general park and felt that a complete redevelopment would provide an opportunity for a flagship scheme for Malvern.

There was discussion of the extent of redevelopment required – whether the building should be replaced or whether partial renovation would suffice. The importance of 'sightlines' to deter vandalism and the potential for a second storey was discussed.

It was **AGREED** that officers should research prospective outside funding sources including the possibility of 106 monies, and that this matter should be discussed again at the next meeting of the Operations Committee.

28. **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee **NOTED** the Operations Work Programme.

29. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Operations Committee is scheduled for Thursday 12 January 2017 at 6.00pm and a date for a meeting in November will be agreed.

The meeting ended at 6.55 pm.

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Councillor I G Hopwood (Chairman)