

UNADOPTED
MALVERN TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

held on Thursday 16 March 2017

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

Councillors

Present

I G Hopwood (Chairman)
P Mewton
CA Bovey
L Lambeth

P Smith
D Watkins

Absent

H Campbell
J Thomas

In Attendance

Charles Porter – Operations Manager
Lyndsey Davies – Minute Clerk

55. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None.

56. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr C Bovey – Malvern Spa Association
Cllr D Watkins – MHDC

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

57. **REPLACEMENT VEHICLE**

Report OC01/17 was received and noted.

The committee discussed the three options as presented in the report.

It was **AGREED** that a new 4x4 Ford Ranger be purchased from company C.

58. **REDEVELOPMENT OF VICTORIA PARK PAVILION**

The Operations Manager gave a verbal update on Victoria Park Pavilion. The Working Party agreed that the architect would, subject to confirmation of his fee for a half day, meet with working party members to discuss the best use of areas of the pavilion taking into account the current on-site services and utilities. The committee stressed that the architect must a) evaluate the best use of the existing building and b) whether it is worth replacing the existing building. The committee discussed that this project must maximise use of the park as a whole for residents, users of the facilities and the immediate businesses. The committee also discussed potential funding routes as well as the

existing budget. Monies can also be sought from section 106 and the architect is to advise of other funding sources.

59. **STREET FURNITURE ON THE SITE OF THE WILSON MEMORIAL**

Report OC02/17 was received and noted.

The Committee **AGREED** that the Council would take ownership of the two benches on the site of the Wilson Water Cure Memorial.

The Committee commented that in the future it would be advisable that the Malvern Civic Society ask the Town Council if they would be prepared to take on any maintenance or ownership of street furniture before purchasing the items.

60. **BANDS IN THE PARK 2017**

Report OC03/17 was received and noted.

The programme for Bands in the Park 14 May to 10 September 2017 was **NOTED**.

The Committee **AGREED** that the Malvern Town Council events banner should be displayed every Sunday throughout the Bands in the Park season.

61. **HEART OF ENGLAND/MALVERN IN BLOOM 2017**

The Operations Manager gave a verbal update outlining the following points;

- The theme for 2017 is Greening for Grey Britain for Wildlife
- The judging date will be the morning of Tuesday 18 July 2017
- A route has been put together by the Bloom Committee which takes into consideration the judge's comments from 2016. It is similar to the previous year, but also includes Malvern Community Forest's project.

The Committee discussed whether the judging focused just on floral aspects or whether it incorporated other aspects. Officers confirmed that the judges look not only at fauna and flora, but also take into account street furniture, signage and community aspects. Copies of the judges' comments and marks awarded are available from Malvern Town Council Offices

62. **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Work Programme report 04/17 was received and **NOTED**.

63. **NEXT MEETING**

It was **AGREED** that the date of the next Operations Committee meeting will be in confirmed on 4 April 2017 at Full Council.

The meeting ended at 6.40pm

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Councillor I G Hopwood (Chairman)