

REPORT ON A MEETING OF THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL, AMENITIES & LEISURE COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 4th APRIL 2006 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE.

Present: Cllr. C. Williams (Chair)

Cllrs. M.Ball, P.Best, A.Brookes, I.Edwards, M.Holt-Taylor, J.Martland, P.Richardson, C.Taylor-Hatem, N.Walsh, R.Walker and M. Williams.

976. APOLOGIES

There were apologies from:

Cllr. F. Dallas – personal

Cllr. J. Cresswell - holiday

Cllr. M.Oldknow - holiday

RESOLVED: That these apologies be accepted for attendance purposes.

977. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

978. PROPOSED MULTI-USE GAMES AREA AT WYKE GATE ROAD RECREATION GROUND

A representative of Groundworks Dearne Valley summarised the progress on the project so far:

- *All the funding had now been secured including £80k from Barclays and £51020 from Biffa (Landfill Tax).*
- *A consultation exercise had been carried out with 185 questionnaires sent out and 41 returned. The majority of responses were favourable. Those with concerns were mainly to do with parking and anti-social behaviour.*
- *A sports development plan would be drawn up which would generate more funding for sports activities and training.*
- *A public meeting is being organised to provide further information to the public and discuss any concerns. Councillors would be involved and they wished to involve the Community Police too.*

RESOLVED: That the report be approved.

979. MINUTES

Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the Planning, Environmental, Amenities & Leisure Committee meeting held on Tuesday 14th February 2006.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed.

980. MOORENDS WELFARE GROUND

A letter had been received from Thorne Colliery Bowling Club regarding the installation of a self contained CCTV and security system. They had sought a number of quotations and the best value was represented by a quotation for £2767.13 including VAT. The club had secured external funding of £700 and would provide £300 from their own funds.

RESOLVED: That the expenditure for the balance of £1767.13 be approved (MPA 1976, S19).

981. MOTORCYCLES

The continuing problem of nuisance caused by motorcycles and quad bikes was discussed. It was agreed that this was a community wide problem in which the Council would be happy to play their part. It was thought that a feasibility study could be carried out in order to see if a community initiative would work since it was thought that a project at Adwick had been successful.

RESOLVED: That the Community Police be invited to the next meeting to discuss the problem and possible solutions.

982. MECHANICAL SWEEPER

Competitive quotations had been obtained from two suppliers for a mechanical sweeper suitable for cleaning the market place and other areas such as the cemetery and the park. Both machines had been tried on the market place, one performing much better than the other.

RESOLVED: That in the interests of best value a demonstration machine be purchased from Allied Sweepers from £10000 plus VAT (Public Health Act 1875).

983. CANINE WASTE BINS

It was noted that there were currently seventeen canine waste bins in Thorne and Moorends.

RESOLVED: That in order to encourage the use of the bins that were provided and to try to reduce the canine waste nuisance, the Council initiate a scheme to provide free disposal bags/gloves to the general public for a limited period (Public Health Act 1875).

984. THORNE AND MOORENDS CYCLEWAY

Consideration was being given to upgrading existing footpaths between Thorne and Moorends. However concern was expressed that a cycleway could exacerbate the motorcycle problem. In any event improved signage and some remedial works to the existing footpaths were required.

RESOLVED: That the DMBC Cycle officer be invited to a forthcoming meeting.

End of meeting