



ENVIRONMENT & WORKS COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 1 March 2005

Present were Councillors J Fletcher (Chairman), A J Barclay, Mrs A S Dickinson, A Garner, J C Kirk, C McMahon, P Scholey and J J Tilley

In attendance – Mr D J Morton, Clerk & Financial Officer, Mrs S Bailey Administrative Assistant plus 2 members of the public and 1 press.

E73/04 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor G B Robinson.

E74/04 COMMUNITY PLAN

Mrs A Evans from Groundwork Dearne Valley gave an update on the Community Plan, which included an item on a proposed new skate park on Manor Fields.

RECOMMENDED: that the report from Alex Evans be noted.

E75/04 BOUNDARY AND MARKER STONES

Mrs A Evans from Groundwork Dearne Valley gave a report on the very successful visit to Misterton and that a scale model of the boundary stone will be made.

RECOMMENDED: that the report from Alex Evans be noted.

E76/04 FRIENDS OF MALTBY PARKS

Minutes of a meeting of Friends of Maltby Parks held on 14 February 2005 were tabled.

RECOMMENDED: that the minutes be noted.

E77/04 MALTBY FESTIVAL

The Clerk and Financial Officer reported details of the Maltby Festival which is to be held 20 August 2005.

RECOMMENDED: that the report of the Clerk and Financial Officer be noted.

E78/04 GARDENS COMPETITION

The Clerk and Financial Officer reporting.

The Clerk and Financial Officer made a number of suggestions for improving the running of this year's Garden Competition.

RECOMMENDED: that the Clerk and Financial Officer make a further report on the running of the Gardens Competition to the next meeting for the committee.

E79/04 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was arranged for 7.00pm on Wednesday 2 March 2005, at the Charles Foster Community Building, Woodlands Gardens, Maltby.

E80/04 EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

The following matters were raised:

- It was agreed that the Town council would forward a letter of support to Groundwork Dearne Valley in respect of providing a Skateboarding facility on Manor Fields.
- Councillor Kirk enquired about "Plant a tree" scheme advertised on Radio Sheffield.
- The Clerk and Financial Officer reported on work completed at Rotherham Road Allotments, and to be undertaken at Limesway Allotments.

E81/04 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: that the press and public be excluded from the meeting pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

E82/04 CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS

The Clerk and Financial Officer reporting.

The Clerk and Financial Officer reported on his visit to Rotherham MBC where they confirmed that a quotation to install this year's Christmas illuminations could be provided.

The Clerk and Financial Officer explained that he had been considering how to ensure that successful installation of Illuminations in 2005 and was of the opinion that the Town Council needed its own Representative to a) undertake a survey of premises on High Street and Tickhill Road to ascertain which properties were still interested in the scheme, b) arrange for the signing of a simple agreement between the parties who were still interested, c) arrange for the repair of Christmas illuminations damaged in last year's high winds, d) accompany the successful contractor if electrical installation is to be inside wither business or domestic properties, e) undertake inspection of illuminations and replace bulbs where necessary, f) report structural faults to the contractor and

g) generally, to represent the Town Council on matters regarding Christmas Illuminations to ensure a successful event in 2005.

The Clerk and Financial Officer was of the view that the town Council should appoint Mr K Thompson on a casual basis to undertake the work listed above.

RECOMMENDED: that a) the report of the Clerk and Financial Officer be noted, b) Mr K Thompson be engaged on a casual basis to undertake the above work, and c) quotations for installing and dismantling Christmas Illuminations be invited from Rotherham MBC and other suitable contractors.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.