

MALTBY TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT & WORKS COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting held on Wednesday 7 January 2004

Present were Councillors Mrs S N Robinson (Chairman), Mrs A S Dickinson, J Fletcher, A Garner, J C Kirk, G B Robinson and J J Tilley.

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

E54/03 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor K Duckmanton.

E55/03 **COMMUNITY PLAN**

The Clerk and Financial Officer reporting.

The Clerk and Financial Officer gave an update of the work being undertaken by Alex Hepworth, Russ Howes and himself on the environmental aspects of the Maltby Community Plan. A copy of the Design Brief for the Boundary Markers, including costing, design and planting for the Hellaby site, will be sent to Councillors of this committee for perusal for discussion at the next meeting of the Environment and Works Committee.

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

E56/03 **BEST DRESSED CHRISTMAS WINDOW COMPETITION**

The Clerk and Financial Officer reporting.

The Clerk and Financial Officer declared the results of the Best Dressed Window Competition as follows: 1st Place Masson's, 2nd Place JR Altered Images, 3rd Place Tiara's Unisex Hairdresser. It was proposed to award £100, £50, and £25 (to be confirmed at the next meeting of the Town Council) respectively, to the winners' chosen local Maltby Organisation.

Next year the competition to be judged on the night of the Christmas Lights Switch On.

Mr A D Crompton was thanked for judging the competition.

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

E57/03 **ALLOTMENTS**

The Clerk and Financial Officer presented a quotation for improvement works at several allotment sites which was accepted.

A discussion was held regarding allotment rents. Councillor J C Kirk declared an interest in this item and did not take part in the discussion or vote on the matters under consideration.

RECOMMENDED: that a) allotments rents be increased at the rate of 5% per annum for the next 5 years, b) that a reduction of 50% of the rent for the Rotherham Road site be made on an ex-gratia basis in view of the exceptional loss when their premises were burgled, c) quotations will be obtained to provide new gates at several allotment sites, d) the Clerk and Financial Officer was requested to progress the outstanding tenancy agreements, and e) that the quotations received from Groundwork, Dearne Valley were accepted.

E58/03 WORK PROGRAMME 2004

The Clerk and Financial Officer confirmed that the following matters would be delivered within the coming year:

- Winter Hanging Baskets
- Summer Hanging Baskets
- Best Garden Competition
- Horticultural Show
- Bonfire
- Xmas Lights and Best Decorated Christmas Window

Councillor Kirk suggested an allotment "open day" possibly tied in with Horticultural show and then a Gala.

RECOMMENDED: that the above information be noted.

E59/03 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee was arranged for 7.00pm on Wednesday 4 February 2004 at the Charles Foster Community Building.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.