



## **ENVIRONMENT & WORKS COMMITTEE**

Minutes of a Meeting held on Wednesday 7 July 2004

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

In attendance – Mr D J Morton, Clerk & Financial Officer, Mrs S Bailey Administrative Assistant plus 4 members of the press and public.

E19/04 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors K Duckmanton and J Fletcher.

E20/04 **ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES FROM COMMUNITY PLAN**

Alex Hepworth reporting.

Alex reported on the following matters:

- Development of Cherry Tree Park
- The use of the Town Council's grant of £5,000 to the Cherry Tree Park Project
- The boundary marker stones
- The application to the IDP to fund environmental projects in Maltby.

**RECOMMENDED**: that (a) the report from Alex Hepworth be noted and (b) a letter of support for the Cherry Tree Project be sent to the planning department of Rotherham MBC.

E21/04 **MALTBY COMMONS**

The Clerk and Financial Officer reporting.

The Clerk and Financial Officer recommended that a budget of £1,000 per annum be allocated to the upkeep of Maltby Commons, which this year will be used to fund the production of leaflets publicising the work on the Maltby Commons.

**RECOMMENDED**: that a budget of £1,000 be allocated in the manner described above.

E22/04 **ALLOTMENT MATTERS**

Councillor J C Kirk declared a personal interest in the item.

The Clerk and Financial Officer reported receipt of a quotation from Groundwork Dearne Valley for works to be undertaken on the Rotherham road Allotment Site. After discussion it was agreed the quotation was satisfactory and Alex Hepworth was requested to consult the Rotherham road Allotment Society on the details of the quotation and seek their agreement to it.

**RECOMMENDED**: that the Clerk and Financial Officer be authorised to proceed with the work on the basis of a previously agreed council minute to that effect.

E23/04 **HORTICULTURAL SHOW**

A general discussion was held on the arrangements for the forthcoming Horticultural Show, including the provision of advertising banners.

- E24/04 **RECOMMENDED:** that the Environment Committee meet on Wednesday 18 August 2004 in order to agree final details on the Horticultural Show.  
SUMMER GARDENS COMPETITION

The Clerk & Financial Officer reporting.

The Clerk & Financial Officer reported on the details of the final arrangements for judging the Summer Gardens Competition in the week commencing 19 July 2004.

- E25/04 **RECOMMENDED:** that the report of the Clerk & Financial Officer be noted and that the format of the competition be reviewed in time for next year.  
NOTICEBOARDS

The Clerk & Financial Officer reporting.

The Clerk and Financial Officer discussed the merits of purchasing new notice boards and introduced a sample notice board which had been supplied by Silvercases Ltd.

- E26/04 **RECOMMENDED:** that the provision of new notice boards be kept under review for the time being.  
DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was arranged for 7.00pm on Wednesday 18 August 2004, at the Charles Foster Community Building, Woodlands Gardens, Maltby.

- E27/04 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

**RESOLVED** that the Press and Public be 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 and as is would not be in the public interest to discuss the matters in public.

- E28/04 NOTICE BOARDS

The Clerk and Financial Officer reporting.

The Clerk and Financial Officer debated with members of the committee about the merits or otherwise of employing a casual worker who could then maintain notice boards and undertake a range of other duties as and when required. Committee members received the suggestion favourably.

- E29/04 **RECOMMENDED:** that the Clerk and Financial Officer submit a formal report on this matter to the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

- CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Clerk and Financial Officer reporting.

The Clerk and Financial Officer debated with members of the committee on the merits of appointing the same contractor as previous years to install the council's Christmas illuminations.

**RECOMMENDED:** that (a) the council appoint the same contractor to install Christmas illuminations as in previous years providing the financial standing orders permitted that appointment (b) that the Clerk and Financial Officer make a formal recommendation to the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.