HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL – MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 13TH OCTOBER 2021

Clirs present: Clir Margaret Allingham, Clir Paul Carnell, Clir John Jupe, Clir Dave Kinloch (late arrival), Clir Cliff Morris, Clir Derek Pretty, Clir Jane Welsh (Chair)

In attendance: Maria Ross –Hedge End Allotment Association
Jill Gray – Hedge End Allotment Association

R279 Apologies

Cllr Lucy Jurd

R280 Minutes & Matters arising

Meeting 8th September 2021

R276 – Nelsons Gardens play area

Cllr Derek Pretty, not having been present at this R&A meeting aired his disappointment on the decision that had been made by members at the September R&A meeting. He pointed out that even though it was an eight/ten minute walk to the nearest play area. Nelsons Gardens was the only play area north of Maunsell Way and that it should not slowly be removed to nothing, with damaged items being removed and not replaced. He asked that this be placed again as an agenda item for R&A to discuss further. Minutes were signed.

R281 Correspondence

(i) Request from Hedge End Carnival Committee for the use of Greta Park – Firework Fiesta

They requested use of Greta Park from Thursday 11th November to Sunday 14th November 2021 for the funfair, with the Fiesta being held on the 13th November 2021.

RESOLVED: That this application was approved. All agreed

R282 Allotments

(i) Request from Hedge End Allotment Association for erection of shed They were applying for an area near to the current green container at Kanes Field. The shed, ideally 6" x 4" would to be used for the sole purpose of storing their BBQ and donated garden items for fund raising events.

Previously these items had been stored in the communal room housed in the container, however this had become misused by the allotment holders over the years and therefore had been asked to remove. They would hopefully be applying for a Community Grant from EBC pending approval from the Council.

RESOLVED: Members asked that further information was provided. To include photo of the location required, as well as details of the required shed, to include design & sizing ready for the R&A November meeting.

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R283 To discuss budget considerations for 2022/23

Members started to discuss possible budget considerations to put forward for next year. These included replacement vehicles, new running track for either Greta Park or Norman Rodway. The resurfacing of the pathway from Bridget Mary Gardens to Greta Park. Removal of bund around Drummond Community Centre to help with ASB and the possible planting of wildflowers on highways verges, along with the planting of more trees.

Members asked that reports, especially for replacement vehicles and the removal of the Drummond bund were completed.

RESOLVED: Members were asked to go away and consider any further items ready for the R&A meeting in November

R284 Operations Manager Report

A report had been given to members prior to the meeting, which contained an update on the following:

- Albert Road Cemetery
- Allotments
- Bowling Green
- Football & Cricket
- Local Nature Reserve
- Paddling Pool
- Opens Spaces

Members felt that the report was good and very positive.

R285 All members of the Public and Press are requested to leave the meeting – Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960

R286 Exempt Business

Green Flag