



Minutes from the **Amenities Committee Meeting** held in Gallery 1, Castle Park Arts Centre, Castle Park, Frodsham, WA6 6SE on **Monday 11th December 2023 at 7pm**

Attended by: Cllr Hayes (Chair), Cllr Lofts (Vice Chair), Cllr J Critchley, Cllr Eakin, Cllr Holman, Cllr Lowrie, Cllr Moorcroft, Cllr Sumner & J O'Donoghue (Town Clerk)

Meeting 7

1. Apologies and reasons for absence

To receive apologies and note reasons for absence from members.

NOTED: There were no apologies.

2. Declarations of interest

To note any declarations of interest on items which are on the agenda.

NOTED: Cllr Sumner declared an interest in item 6 as a member of Green Gates Community Project.

3. Public participation

Members of the public are invited to speak on items which are on the agenda in accordance with FTC policy on public speaking at meetings.

NOTED: No member of the public attended the meeting.

4. Approval of minutes

To approve and sign the minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 13th November 2023 (included in meeting pack).

RESOLVED: It was unanimously resolved to approve and sign the minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 13th November 2023.

5. Finance report

(a) To receive the report to date (included in meeting pack).

NOTED

(b) To consider an amendment to the proposed budget to move the £10,000 budget figure for play area refurbishments into an earmarked reserve (EMR) to enable a fund to be build up for use in future years.

RESOLVED: It was agreed to request an ear marked reserve of £10,000 for play area refurbishment.

6. Green Gates Park

(a) To receive the report provided by the clerk in relation to tree works carried out under Quote 1540 (included in meeting pack).

NOTED: The report was noted together with the prompt response and resolution from Northwich Town Council.

(b) To note any further report provided by the clerk.

NOTED: There was no further report.

(a) To agree any further actions to be taken.

7. **Community Orchards** (item deferred as Cllr Sumner was unable to attend Amenities Committee Meeting held on and October 9th October 2023 and 13th November 2023 due to CWAC responsibilities/meetings)
- (a) To receive a report from Cllr Sumner on the signage in the orchards owned by Frodsham Town Council: Ship Street Orchard, Hob Hey Wood Orchard, Hawthorne Road Orchard and Churchfields Orchard (included in the meeting pack).

NOTED

- (b) To agree action to be taken.

RESOLVED: It was agreed to: set up a working group to consider appropriate signage and report back to the next Amenities Committee Meeting (Cllrs Sumner Eakin, Holman and Lowrie); Clerk to contact Reasehealth College to enquire if they would be able to carry out a tree survey to identify the varieties of apple trees in the orchards.

ACTION: LS,PE,AH,PL,JO

8. Hob Hey Wood

To receive the annual report (included in meeting pack)

NOTED

9. Memorial Plaque

To note the report (included in meeting pack)

NOTED

10. 2023-24 Winter Gritting Scheme

To note that 22 residents agreed to be involved, as per the conditions of the scheme, 42 bags of grit were delivered to residents on 17th November 2023. Any further deliveries will depend on weather conditions and will be approved under Clerk's delegation.

NOTED

11. Clerk's report

To receive any additional report

NOTED: There was no additional report.

12. Date of next meeting – 15th January 2024

NOTED

13. Close of meeting

The meeting closed at 19:13.