



Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee of the New Milton Town Council held on Tuesday 16 April 2019 at 6.30 pm in the Town Hall, Ashley Road, New Milton.

Chairman	p	G R Blunden
Vice Chairman	p	D E Hawkins

<u>Councillors</u>	p	G C Beck	W B Davies
	p	D A Rice Mundy	p A D O'Sullivan
	p	A W Rice	R Murrow
	p	V E Schooling	

In Attendance

Councillors:	S J Clarke
	C Ward

Officers:	G Flexman	Town Clerk
	J Hayward	Administrator
	M Jeffries	Estates & Facilities Manager

The Chairman opened the meeting, noting this was the last Amenities committee for the current administration, and welcomed councillors, two members of the public and a press representative.

133. APOLOGIES

Cllrs W Davies and Murrow.

134. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Beck said his grand-daughter is involved in the New Forest Bike Project, minute 8 of the agenda.

Cllr Beck also referred to this being his last Amenities Committee meeting and remembered notable moments from his time as Chairman of Amenities. The Chairman thanked Cllr Beck for his efforts and contribution over the years.

Cllr Beck left the meeting at 6.35pm.

135. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

136. MINUTES**RESOLVED:**

**That the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 March 2019, previously circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.**

The Minutes were duly signed.

137. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE

The Town Clerk confirmed that all items have been or are being addressed.

Minute	Action Points	Action by date	To be actioned by
117	Doe Copse Way Playpark Opening	12 noon 9 March 2019	Estates Manager
119	Land Use Requests	13 March 2019	Administrator
120	Community Hub	Further meeting before Easter	Working Party
124	Publicise revised Tree Work Policy	Ongoing	Assistant Town Clerk
125	Recreation Ground 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	Set up working party by 31 March 2019	Town Councillors
127	Men's Shed premises	18 March 2019	F&GP Committee
131	Mobile CCTV	31 March 2019	NFDC
132	Easement	18 March 2019	Town Clerk

Referring to minute 127, Men's Shed premises, the Town Clerk informed members that Men's Shed will be able to move in at the beginning of May once a licence is issued by Anthony Harris, subject to some proposed opening times.

Referring to minute 132, Easement, the Town Clerk confirmed the arrangement is in place for the future, but the current property is still up for sale, the previous sale having fallen through according to Hayward Fox estate agents.

Cllr D Rice-Mundy referred to minute 129, and in particular the issue of vandalism at Long Meadow, and now at Ballard Lake area with bike tracks being formed and trees marked. Cllr Clarke also noted that bike ramps had been installed at Great Woor Copse which he had subsequently removed.



Cllr Mrs C Ward suggested that a suitable area be identified and managed for BMX/bike use in the future, and this is being addressed.

The Chairman asked for all our sites to be monitored and checked for signs of misuse.

### 138. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) The Town Clerk referred to an email from a resident regarding the play area at Doe Copse Way and in particular safety concerns about cars mounting the kerb outside the park which could affect young people exiting via the new footpath.

Advice will be sought from Hampshire Highways.

- b) An email received from a resident asking about a play area for Hollandswood Drive. The Chairman informed members this was on the list, but the next priority was updating the one at Ashley Recreation Ground, as previously agreed.

- c) An email from Yellow Buses who will be attending the street market on Wednesday 17 April offering information about their newly-introduced bus service.

Cllr Rice-Mundy asked about the X1 bus service and in particular the bus stop when Street Trading is in operation. The Chairman said that they will review the number of stalls in operation during the summer and consider the bus stop at that time. The bus shelter opposite Bradbeers needs a *Closed* sign on it on Wednesdays it was agreed.

- d) A letter from Connells Estate Agents asking if the land at Upper Ashley Allotment site is for sale, as it is “likely to possess a value higher than its current existing use value.” It was pointed out Town Council policy is not to sell any Public Open Space, or part thereof.

### 139. LAND USE REQUESTS

#### a) **Yball**

A request from the Youth Services Manager to use the Recreation Ground for Yball on Wednesday afternoons from 24 April 2019 4-5pm until the summer holidays.

**RESOLVED:**

***That Yball be permitted to take place on the Recreation Ground from 24/4/2019 4-5pm every Wednesday until the summer holidays start.***

#### b) **Family Fun Day & BBQ**

A request from Sue Darcy at the Central Bar to host a CRUK fund-raising event on Sunday 21 July 2019.

**RESOLVED:**

***The CRUK Family Fun Day & BBQ be permitted to take place on the Recreation Ground on Sunday 21 July 2019.***


**c) NMTP – Eco Show**

A request from John Evans of NMTP to hold an “Eco Show” 26-28 June 2020 at our Moore Close site, as well as booking the car boot site on 28 June 2020 at Fawcetts Field.

**RESOLVED:**

***That NMTP be permitted to hold an “Eco Show” at Moore Close from 26-28 June 2020 and hold a car boot sale on adjacent land.***

**d) New Milton Lions Club**

The Town Clerk referred to previous Meeting Minute 119 (b) and the Lions Food & Drink Festival on 24 August 2019. A variation to the licence for the consumption of drink had been suggested by NFDC for this event and Cllr Clarke pointed out this variation could incur additional cost, noting a TEN was not appropriate as the event may attract more than 500 visitors.

**RECOMMENDED:**

***That the Lions be permitted use of the Recreation Ground for a Food & Drinks Festival on 24 August 2019.***

The Chairman asked that the dates and details of the Afternoons of Music be circulated separately.

**140. NEW FOREST BIKE PROJECT CIC**

The Town Clerk referred to Appendix 1, New Forest Bike Project CIC, noting this was a local Community Interest Company located at Incuhive, having recently moved from Bransgore.

Members noted the item with interest.

**141. ANY OTHER UPDATES**

- a) The Chairman referred to the issue of the frontage at Old Milton Green shopping parade and that following discussion with the owner the wall will be repaired. HCC will resurface the footpath and New Milton Sands WI will be taking on the planting and maintenance.

After the Easter break it is hoped that New Milton Infants and Junior Schools will be involved in a planting exercise at Chaucombe Green.

Other community involvement included the Barton Bees WI caring for the Remembrance Garden around the Indian Memorial Obelisk.



- b) Cllr Mrs V Schooling referred to a resident's issue about wheelchair access to the Milford Road Cemetery as there are no permissible footways at the cemetery entrance. The Town Clerk read out the response from HCC regarding the issue which unfortunately was a wordy reply mainly highlighting funding constraints.

The Chairman suggested looking at community funding and exploring the matter further and engaging with Mandy Ware of HCC and also HCC Cllr Mel Kendal.

The Chairman thanked members and officers for all the support given to Amenities and looked forward to the new administrative year after the elections on 2 May 2019.

142. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**Monday 3 June 2019 at 6.30 pm** in the Town Hall, Ashley Road, New Milton.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked members and the public for attending and closed the public part of the meeting at 7.10pm.

**PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSIONS TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960**

**The Chairman moved that the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business pursuant to section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reasons of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.**

143. BARTON CLIFFTOP

The Chairman referred to Appendix 2, a draft document from NFDC Open Spaces, previously circulated.

Members discussed the content and proposed development is thought to be inappropriate and would spoil the natural beauty spot, as well as introducing new issues to the environment.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 7.25pm.

CHAIRMAN \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_



<b>Minute</b>	<b>Action Points</b>	<b>Action by date</b>	<b>To be actioned by</b>
137	Identify suitable BMX area	After 2 May	Amenities Committee
138 a)	Seek HCC advice Doe Copse Way	3 June	Estates Manager
138 c)	Closed sign for bus-stop	24 April	Estates Manager
139	Respond to Land Use Requests	24 April	Administrator
139	Circulate details of Afternoons of Music	24 April	Administrator
139 d)	Respond to letter from Connells	24 April	Town Clerk
141 b)	Contact HCC re wheelchair access	3 June	Town Clerk
143	NFDC proposals Barton Cliff Top	3 June	Town Clerk

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