

DRAFT MINUTES OF AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
10TH JANUARY 2024 - KERRY VILLAGE HALL AT 8PM

Present: Cllrs. S. Holloway (Chair) : C. Seal : D. Lush : G Evans : V. Wildish (Clerk) :
Mrs. S Benbow : Mr. K. Cornell :

1. Welcome: The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies: Mr. F Friel : Mrs G. Jones :

3. Declarations of Interest: None.

4. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of meeting held on 7th June 2023 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters Arising Not Included on the Agenda: The Chairman reported that the refurbished play area at Dolforgan Park was now complete and has been done to a very acceptable standard by both contractors – Ray Parry Playgrounds and Russell Francis. All invoices have now been settled. The playground was completed on time and officially opened on Sunday 29th October 2023.

Cllr. Holloway proposed that a letter of thanks should be sent by KCC to ex-Councillor Neil Hayward for his considerable effort on this project. **Action:** AC Clerk/KCC Clerk

6. Chairman's Update re KCC Public Conveniences: The Caretaker's contract is due for renewal from 1st April. Advertisements have been placed in the County Times and on KCC's website and notice board inviting tenders. The necessity for the contractor to have Third-Party Insurance cover was discussed.

Running Costs – The Clerk reported that for the first 3 quarters of the financial year the total cost has been £4,133.85.

Heating System - There is an issue with the thermostat and the heating is permanently on. This will obviously result in an increased electricity bill.

7. Chairman's Update re KCC Play Areas:

(i) **Dolforgan Park** – It had been proposed to purchase a leaf-blower for the Caretaker's use on the wet-pour surface but as this has not proved to be an issue to-date the purchase will be deferred and kept under review.

The Caretaker, Mr K Cornell, did not have any issues to report regarding Dolforgan Park. Cllr. Holloway requested to be on the distribution list for the weekly playground inspection reports. Clerk to provide Mr. Cornell with relevant email address. **Action:** KCC Clerk

Clerk reported that she is currently working on new signage for the play-area

(ii) **St Michael's School Play-Area** – Cllr. Holloway reported that a tree had fallen in the recent storms. He, together with other members of the committee and their partners, had dealt with the matter but there is a need for the remaining large logs and pile of residual branches to be removed when the ground is sufficiently dry to enable vehicle access.

The question of responsibility for other trees on the play-area was raised and this matter requires further investigation. PCC/KCC lease to be checked for clarification. **Action:** AC Clerk/KCC Clerk

Amenities Clerk reported that the November 2023 RoSPA report had been forward to Ray Parry Playgrounds for perusal and an appointment is to be made for a site visit. The report stated that the Cableway (zip-wire) brake was inoperative. This is not a brake to slow down whilst travelling along the wire; it is simply to hold the seat in whichever position a child leaves it.

Cllrs. Holloway and Lush to install ownership sign asap.

The Caretaker reported that he had found drinks bottles etc. in the play-area on his inspection following New Year's Eve celebrations.

9. Any Other Matters of Interest:

a) Cllr. Lush has refurbished a bench previously sited on the Dolforgan Play-Area. It was agreed to wait until the spring to relocate it back onto Dolforgan Park.

b) It was proposed that Council offers for sale the wooden fencing removed from the Dolforgan Park site. Matter to be added to KCC's Agenda for January 31st Meeting. **Action:** Clerk

c) Cllrs. B Pryce/G Evans to be requested to remove the piles of soil remaining at Dolforgan Park. **Action:** Clerk

d) Mr. Cornell confirmed that he would be interested in attending a playground inspection training course.

10. Date of Next Meeting: TBA

Meeting closed at 21:45.