

DRAFT MINUTES OF AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING - 01 MAY 2024

KERRY VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM

Present:

Cllrs. S. Holloway (Chair) : C. Seal : V. Wildish (Clerk) : Mrs. G. Jones : Mrs S. Benbow :

Mrs G. Friel :

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

2. Apologies: Mrs. M. Griffiths :

3. Declarations of Interest: None.

4. Minutes of Meeting held 10 January 2024: Approved.

5. Matters Arising Not Included on the Agenda: (See Items 6 & 8)

6. Update re Public Conveniences: The Chairman reported that there had been a number of incidences of vandalism and some remedial work has been necessary as a result. The waste bin in the accessible unit has been replaced and repairs carried out to the baby changing table to correct the damage. In an attempt to deter those responsible for vandalism security measures have been put in place.

The issue of weeds growing through the slate surrounding the toilet buildings was discussed and it was suggested that a mixture of bicarbonate of soda and water might be an effective solution.

Action: Cllr. Holloway

Cllr. Holloway thanked Mr & Mrs Friel for their excellent work in keeping everything in good order.

Committee was advised that Grant Funding is available via PAVO and suggested it would be an opportunity to apply for monies to install solar panels. The matter was discussed and Cllr. Wildish is to obtain a quotation prior to submitting an application form with a closing date of 09 May 2024.

Action: Cllr. Wildish

7. Update re KCC Play Areas:

(i) Dolforgan Park - the facility is well used and generally respected by those using it.

However, recently there was an isolated incidence of dog faeces under the climbing frame and littering. Cllr. Wildish has purchased additional 'No Dog' signs which have been fixed directly onto both gates.

The extremely wet weather has resulted in the surrounding grassed area being continually waterlogged and the bark chipping laid down in October has proven to be a real benefit. Unfortunately, traffic from spectators at football matches has made matters worse but is a problem that is not easy to overcome.

The remaining spoil heap following renovation of the play area is still awaiting removal and will take place when the weather improves.

Future projects may need to include the provision of more hard-standing and pathways.

The decision to obtain a leaf blower was later decided against as the fallen leaves did not seem to be a problem. The caretaker has been provided with a litter picker.

The relocation of the bench refurbished by Cllr. Lush will take place as soon as the ground is dry enough.

(ii) St Michael's School Play Area – further to receipt of the RoSPA safety inspection report a quotation for repairs/replacements has been obtained from Ray Parry Playgrounds amounting to £4,476 incl. VAT. This work is expected to be carried out in mid-June. It is proposed that KCC removes the 'Spring Rocker' as it has rusty springs and to replace it with the 'See-Saw' that was recovered when Dolforgan Park play area was refurbished.

Action: Cllrs. Holloway & Pryce

It is anticipated that the additional work required to remove the tree roots on the surface area mentioned in the RoSPA report will be carried out when the mini-digger is on site.

It was reported that PCC has agreed to continue with the lease at St Michael's on the existing terms and Heads of Terms are awaited.

The possibility of Mr. Cornell, Play Area Caretaker, attending a RoSPA training course was raised and Cllr. Holloway will discuss with him.

Thanks were expressed to Mr. Cornell Play Area Caretaker for carrying out the inspections and for promptly dealing with the dog faeces issue at Dolforgan Park.

8. Cllr. Seal advised that the VMRC planned to hold a Nature Event on 30th June and as members of the VMRC, KCC will be taking part. The event will take place from 1pm-5pm in Kerry Churchyard and Mrs. S Benbow kindly volunteered her services.

Date of next meeting tba.

Meeting closed at 20.25pm.