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The Meeting... **Grounds and General Maintenance Committee**

The Time... **7.00pm**

The Date... **Monday 2 September 2013**

The Place... **Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil**

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Alan Tawse

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Town Clerk

27 August 2013

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Grounds and General Maintenance Committee

To: All Members of the Grounds and General Maintenance Committee

Martin Bailey

Peter Brock

Kris Castle

Philip Chandler

David Dollard (Chairman)

John Hann (Vice Chairman)

Kaysar Hussain

Andrew Kendall

Mike Lock

Manny Roper

Darren Shutler

Alan Smith

Jon Trevett (co-opted – non voting) (substitute – Bob Ridout)

Equality Act 2010

The *general* public sector equality duty places an obligation on a wide range of public bodies (including town and parish councils) in the exercise of their functions to have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not
- Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not

The protected characteristics are:

Age

Race

Disability

Religion or Belief

Gender Reassignment

Sex

Marriage and Civil Partnership

Sexual Orientation

Pregnancy and Maternity

PUBLIC COMMENT (15 Minutes)

1. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 July 2013.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

4. CORRESPONDENCE

5. OUTDOOR GYM INITIATIVE

To consider a report from the Project Manager – Community Health and Well Being (SSDC) at pages 3 to 5 .

6. PLAY AREAS

To consider a report (to follow) from the Senior Play and Youth Facilities Officer (SSDC).

7. PRESTON PARK PLAY AREA UPDATE

To consider a report (to follow) from the Senior Play and Youth Facilities Officer (SSDC).

8. OPEN SPACES REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

To consider a report (to follow) by the Principal Horticultural Officer (SSDC).

9. ALLOTMENT MAINTENANCE UPDATE

To consider a report (to follow) from the Street Scene Co-ordinator (SSDC).

10. ALLOTMENT STRUCTURES

To consider a report by the Town Clerk at Page 6.

11. NEW INITIATIVES BUDGET

At the last meeting, Members agreed they would bring any ideas for suggested initiatives to this meeting.

A copy of the report of the Town Clerk, which was submitted at the last meeting and which outlines the background to the new initiatives scheme is attached as page 7.

12. FINANCIAL STATEMENT – JUNE 2013/JULY 2013

To consider the Financial Statement for the period 1 June to 31 July 2013, attached at Pages 8 to 12.

PUBLIC COMMENT (15 Minutes)

5. Addressing Health, Social and Economic Inequalities in Yeovil Project (Proposed OUTDOOR GYM facility in Milford Park, Yeovil)

Purpose of the Report

This report is to consult with and update members about a proposed idea to develop and install a pilot outdoor gym initiative in Milford Park, Yeovil. The initiative will be part of the on-going health inequalities project running within Yeovil.

Public Interest

The Health Inequalities Programme is a multi agency project managed by South Somerset District Council (Area South Development Team). The project is designed to address the health, social and economic inequalities within the Milford & Westfield neighbourhoods of Yeovil.

Recommendation(s)

That the members note the report

Background

During 2007 South Somerset Together (SST) commissioned work to assess the health and social inequalities experienced by people living in areas of Yeovil. The report was published in January 2008 and it showed significant health and social inequalities in the wards Yeovil Central, Yeovil East and Yeovil West. In particular these wards showed higher than average levels of income support claimants, crime, numbers of lone parents, low access to cars, exclusion from school, levels of long term limiting illness and teenage pregnancies.

The target areas have high levels of anti-social behaviour. According to the Health and Social Needs in Somerset report, Yeovil Central, East and West wards are in the top five most deprived areas in South Somerset. These wards are also in the top five most deprived wards for children and young people.

These findings confirm the levels of deprivation agencies in South Somerset have been trying to tackle but the report also identified a lack of community/health facilities at a neighbourhood level. Therefore the report suggested creating 'community hubs' and provided an action plan of multi-agency work that could take place from these 'hubs' that would help to reduce the inequalities detailed in the report. Milford Hall was identified as a site for one of these 'hubs'.

The Project

Over the last year, the health inequalities programme has continued to make progress within the Central ward of Yeovil at Milford. The Community Association has continued their development work with the new Adventure play park opened in August 2012, on going education at the community garden site and continued community engagement with regards events such as the big lunch campaign, and community Food hygiene training courses.

The Health Inequalities project has brought an energy and enthusiasm to the community that has helped develop a strong sustainable infrastructure, a good community spirit and some exciting new projects that have delivered strong examples of health, social and economic outcomes for the area. These are detailed in case studies available as part of the project programme.

The latest initiative being investigated and researched is an 'Outdoor Gym' project, proposed to be installed within the park boundaries. An outdoor gym, is gym built outside in a park, with the all-weather construction of its exercise machines somewhat modelled on playground equipment. See images below:



The proposal is that the 'Outdoor Gym' will form part of a wider development to the park with additional footpaths being installed and current footpaths being improved to establish a circular link around the outside of the current recreation ground. This will improve the access to the park and hall, increasing accessibility for wheel chair and pram usage and forming a potential additional facility of running routes linking a scheme call 3,2,1 running miles measuring markers and the fitness equipment.

The aim is to install these systems in place around the park forming a 'fitness trail' model to the programme.

Discussions have now taken place with potential funders to look at the feasibility of delivering a pilot outdoor gym scheme in Milford Park.

Financial Implications

The full project including the new footpath installations would be in the region of £40,000 to £50,000 with the Outdoor Gym equipment costing approximately £20,000 - £30,000 (dependent on the amount of equipment purchased).

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**Background
Papers:**

Addressing Health and Social Inequalities in Yeovil
Area South Committee Report 4th March 2009

Addressing Health and Social Inequalities in Yeovil
Area South Committee Report 7th April 2010.

Addressing Health and Social Inequalities in Yeovil
Area South Committee Report 2nd March 2011.

Addressing Health and Social Inequalities in Yeovil
Area South Committee Report 6th July 2011.

Addressing Health and Social Inequalities in Yeovil
Area South Committee Report 4th April 2012.

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10. ALLOTMENT STRUCTURES

Tenants wishing to place a shed or greenhouse on their allotment plot need to comply with a number of terms and conditions. These include a limitation on size beyond which the Town Council's express consent is required.

This ensures that the impact of any larger structures on neighbouring ploholders can be assessed on their individual merits before a decision is made on whether to grant permission.

The maximum ground dimensions which apply in relation to sheds and greenhouses is 2.4m (8ft) by 1.8m (6ft) which represents a typical domestic shed/greenhouse.

Such structures are normally 2.1m (7ft) high, which gives sufficient headroom for users. However, the terms and conditions do not currently refer to the maximum height of these types of structure.

To clarify matters, it is **RECOMMENDED** that the terms and conditions be amended to include a reference to no shed or greenhouse to exceed 2.1m (7ft) in height without the express consent of the Town Council.

(Alan Tawse, Town Clerk – 01935 382424)