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Minutes of a meeting of the Environment & Leisure Committee held in the Market House on Thursday 16th March 2017 at 7.30pm.

Present

Cllrs M Eager (Chairman), R Barnes, A Bradford, A Crowe, M Eakin, E Fieldhouse, K Francis, A Manns, N Morris, J Simpson, H Wilce.

In attendance

Acting Clerk – Lynda Wilcox (HALC).
Three members of the public.

E.25 - 03.17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were accepted from:

- 1.1 Cllr D. Baker.
- 1.2 Cllr J. Roberts.
- 1.3 Cllr N. Roberts.

E.26 - 03.17 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS ... No interests were declared.

E.27 - 03.17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ... No matters were raised.

E.28 - 03.17 LEDBURY ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

A presentation was given by Isobel Gibson of Ledbury Allotment Association and Sarah Roberts of Haygrove Community Gardens Charity, regarding the development of a community garden project at the allotment site.

Councillors were delighted to hear of the progress and aspirations for the community garden which would be of benefit to everyone but particularly local youth groups such as Scouts, Brownies and respite care e.g. Stroke Association.

Glass bug houses, a pizza oven and other innovative ideas were outlined and the meeting wished the project every success.

E.29 - 03.17 MINUTES

It was RESOLVED to confirm the previously circulated minutes of the Environment & Leisure Committee meeting held on 16th February, 2017 as a correct record.

E.30 - 03.17 CEMETERY

A report on safety works to trees as a result of recent storm damage (E.1) was NOTED.

E.31 - 03.17 WORKING PARTIES AND TASK & FINISH GROUPS

7.1 Events Working Party

- a) A report from the meeting held on 21st February 2017 (E.2) was NOTED.
- b) A report from the Executive Committee meeting on 14th March 2017 was given by Cllr Fieldhouse including:

7.1.1 Areas of responsibility - listing what was to be done and by whom.

7.1.2 Celebrating 400 years of Market House ... a large birthday cake was required, possibly a bake off competition.

7.1.3 Poetry & Food Festival

7.2 Cemetery Working Party

A report from the meeting held on 22nd February, 2017 (E.3) was noted and it was **RESOLVED to adopt all recommendations contained therein.**

The meeting was briefly interrupted due to a disturbance in the street and the Police were called.

E.32 - 03.17 GREEN SPACES GRASS CUTTING

Request from a local resident for supplementary grass cutting on land bordered by Wye View and Lugg Fields.

There was detailed discussion on the above request but it was unanimously **RESOLVED not to accede to the request as it was not an area of responsibility for the Town Council, the budget had been reduced, it would set a precedent and funding would be better used in areas where children played.**

E.33 - 03.17 TOWN CENTRE ... Repair/replacement of two hanging basket columns

Only one quotation had been received for around £800. The local blacksmith had been asked to quote but would be unable to carry out the work until July next year. There was detailed discussion on the number of baskets in need of repair or replacement. It was **RESOLVED to discuss a variety of ideas with officers in readiness for a recommendation to the next E & L Committee:**

1. Liaise with Balfour Beatty on the trip hazard caused by the most recent damage to a basket.
2. Approach Holme Lacy College to see if they would undertake repairs and or make new baskets as a project.
3. Possibility of moving two of the five columns on the new housing estate in New Street to the High Street.

E.34 - 03.17 WAR MEMORIAL ... Quotations for renovation works to the War Memorial

Only one quotation had been received to date and there had been a query about the work. It was noted that work would need to undertaken in liaison with Balfour Beatty and that the War Memorial Commission had

undertaken to pay for most of the cost. It was **RESOLVED that further quotes be pursued to enable the completion of the project by November.**

E.35 - 03.17 CORRESPONDENCE - received for information was noted:

Graffiti on churchyard wall. A quotation had been obtained from Balfour Beatty but there is uncertainty as to the ownership of the wall.

E.36 - 03.17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting of the Environment & Leisure Committee would be confirmed at the Annual Council meeting on 11th May, 2017.

As this was the final meeting of for 2016/17, Cllr Crowe thanked the Chairman, Martin Eager and Vice Chairman, Tony Bradford, for all their work on behalf of the Committee.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25 pm