

WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL

A MEETING OF THE PARKS, OPEN SPACES AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

WAS HELD ON THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 6.00PM

PRESENT Councillors Hamblin, Scott, Hodson, Jackson and McCarthy.

POA/73/2024 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES & RECORD REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Speksnyder

POA/74/2024 TO APPROVE PREVIOUS MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

To approve the minutes of the Parks, Open Spaces and Allotment minutes from 11th June 2024 – **AGREED.**

POA/75/2024 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

Declared interest of agenda item 9 – Councillor Scott.

POA/76/2024 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

None

POA/77/2024 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident of Kirkland Road attended to discuss the ongoing issues in Kirkland Park, noting that there has been a significant increase in ball-related issues. When approached, the children involved have been difficult and responded to residents with verbal abuse. It was also reported that residents have had damage done to their vehicles caused by balls coming over from the play area. Cllr McCarthy suggested net roofing over the area to reduce the problem and to have a meeting with someone at the area to check its feasibility.

POA/78/2024 REVIEW PREVIOUS ACTIONS

It was agreed by the committee to become members of The National Allotment Society.

See items 7 and 9.

POA/79/2024 TERMS OF REFERENCE

It was agreed for SC to speak with Stephen regarding his feelings about meeting four times per year, as per the Terms of Reference. A suggestion was made to create a template for Stephen to fill out, covering all relevant areas, which could be used to update the committee and eliminate the need for meetings.

POA/80/2024 ALLOTMENTS

A tenant enquired whether it was their responsibility or the Council's to replace their broken gate. The committee agreed that it was the tenant's responsibility, as the gate does not lie on the perimeter of the allotment site.

POA/81/2024 PARKS

It was decided to review the situation again regarding Kirkland Park and actively push for the best solution. SC to contact Paul Harrison who has more knowledge in this area and could suggest the best solution.

POA/82/2024 LONG-TERM PLAN

A short-term plan was discussed for the installation of a bench at Phoenix Park. The committee considered the long-term plan of resurfacing the road at the Longhwaite allotment site. It was discussed to dig back the current ground and use gravel or concrete to keep with the area around. It was suggested that funds could be set aside over the coming years.

It was also stated that RAISE is to be a 5-year plan.

Meeting ended 7:14pm

Date of next meeting: 23rd January 2025

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