NAILSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL Minutes of RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

held at the Town Hall, Nailsworth on Tuesday 3rd October 2017

Present	Cllr Ron Kerby (Chair)
	Cllr Jonathan Duckworth (Town Mayor)
	Cllr Paul Francis
	Cllr Steve Robinson
	Cllr Myles Robinson
	Cllr Sue Reed *
	Cllr Robert Maitland *
Minutes	Justine Hopkins (Deputy Clerk)
Apologies	Cllr Anne Elliott

^{*}Attended part of the meeting (not on Rec & Am Committee)

	Action
Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensations Cllr Myles Robinson declared an interest in knowing the proprietor of the Dog Training Class (ref item on bookings) and also that he called a public meeting regarding the proposed Arts Centre 18 months ago.	
To consider proposal for an Arts Centre at the Town Hall Cllr Ron Kerby welcomed Kate Raw. The initial proposal for the Arts Centre was submitted in July and deferred for discussion at this meeting. Kate explained this is an early stage proposal and she is looking for permission to continue research. Cllr Myles Robinson explained that we have already taken public consultation on this when the Town Action Plan was updated in 2015. It says that the project will need 'substantial resources, requiring significant fundraising for building purchase, conversion and operation'.	
Kate asked to see the results of the consultation. The Deputy Clerk will follow this up. The proposal does not include purchase of the building. The report does not show any rent to NTC for use of the building either.	Dep. Clerk
Kate believes she can put together a case to get the funding needed for the project. Cllr Jonathan Duckworth said that more work would need to be done on the figures (more detailed expenditure), an explanation of the full operating costs and, an explanation of what NTC would gain from investing the value of the Town Hall into this project.	
Cllr Steve Robinson commented that the local Arts scene has changed a lot since 2015. Cllr Robert Maitland suggested a feasibility study be carried out to discover what demand there would be for such a facility, where the audience will come from and will they use the other facilities in the town, this information may make a firmer proposal. Also, any feelings of support from other organisations and the backing of any influential people who live in this area.	
NTC have yet to decide on the future of the Town Hall and this will be discussed by the Civic Centre Working Party. Kate was thanked for her proposal. She will be working in New Zealand from February to May so would	

like to know if she will be needed before then, otherwise it will have to wait until after May. NTC agreed we cannot support it as presented. The committee discussed what they will recommend to full council. The following was agreed: Option 4-To ask the group to provide more information before a decision can be made To commission a capital and rental valuation of the Town Hall site and building	Rec to Full Council
To consider all charges for bookings and regularise them The room hire rates were discussed as the report. It was felt the Nursery School rate should be increased from £10 to £15 and this was agreed. Also, the Nailsworth Dramatic Society play week be increased to 6 sessions @ £27 (£162). They were paying £128 so an increase of £34 to bring them in line with the session price. Recommend to full council: • All room hire rates be regularised	
 Nursey School be increased to £15 Guides & Brownies stay at £7 NDS Play week be increased to 6 sessions at £27 (£162) 	Rec to Full Council
Update on Town Gardening The report was discussed and it was agreed to recommend to full council that we request more hours from the town gardener specifically in the summer months. Option 1 & 2 were agreed: • To write a Town Gardening maintenance specification • To leave the budget unchanged Cllr Steve Robinson has been in contact with Williams kitchen and they have agreed to cut back the willow which overhangs the pavement.	Rec to Full Council
Don Luke has been looking after the grass at the bottom of Springhill and will continue to water and mow the area. This has made the area look much tidier. This is County land but NTC want to thank Don for his hard work. Volunteers from the Town Twinning Group are repainting the Leves Corner	Dep. Clerk
railings. They have suggested leaving the railings as galvanized metal as the paint peels away after 5-10 years. It was agreed to recommend they are painted the same as the vertical posts. Update of KGV Extension Field	
The report was discussed and noted.	
To consider budget items for 2018-19	
The report was considered and budgets discussed. It was agreed to recommend the figures to full council. The reserves were provided and discussed.	Rec to Full Council
Deputy Clerk to run through action list from previous meetings	
The action list was discussed and updated.	

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