

**NEWENT TOWN COUNCIL
REGENERATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

Minutes of a meeting of **Regeneration Committee** held on **Monday 9th January 2023** at Newent Community School, Watery Lane, Newent at 7.36pm

Present: Councillors Mr R Beard (Chairman), Mrs R Wadley, Mrs M Duffield, Mrs S Marcovecchio, Mrs C Howley, Mr D Tinson and Mrs K Draper

Also present – The Clerk and 4 members of the public.

Public Participation Session

Speaker 1

A member of the public spoke in favour of the pavilion build at the recreation ground.

1. To note apologies for absence.

Apologies were accepted from Councillors Mrs W Odhiambo, Mrs J Gooch and Ms C Stone.

2. Declarations of Interest on items on the agenda.

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 14th November 2022

The committee resolved by a unanimous decision that the Minutes were a true and accurate summary of the meeting and were duly signed by the Chairman.

4. Clerk's Report

4.1 To note the Clerk's report

The Clerk's report was noted.

5. Policy Reviews and updates

5.1 To approve the Community Engagement Policy

The committee resolved by a unanimous decision to approve the Community Engagement Policy, subject to the removal of Newent Memorial Hall Committee from the policy.

6. Memorial Tree Request

6.1 To approve a memorial tree request from a resident

The committee resolved by a unanimous decision to approve a memorial tree at Newent Lake for a resident, subject to the Estates Team using trees from the council's approved list.

7. Recreation Build

7.1 To agree to ask the Trustees of the Recreation Trust to undertake the new build of the recreation pavilion, with a timescale so that completion of the build can be targeted for mid-year 2023.

A discussion occurred regarding the recreation build and the historical context of the land becoming a trust and having trustees, who are simultaneously councillors.

The discussion provided context to the funding that is available, including from Section 106, council allocated funds, community donations and organisations who commented that they would be willing to hire the facilities, once built.

On-going discussions are occurring with other parties.

Parking around the recreation ground was commented upon and it was highlighted that when the recreation ground is in use the hirer has implemented various controls to mitigate against parking that is disruptive to residents and to the wider public.

In addition, users also 'drop-off' children and young people to the site and return later to collect them.

There will also be discussions with the local school, to ascertain if parking is available to help ease further parking issues.

It was commented that license agreements would need to be in place for any hiring of the facility.

The proposal request is for Recreation Trust to place the contract with the builder and therefore the Trust becomes the customer.

The Recreation Trust would be the lead organisation and not the council. However, the council can provide funding directly to the Trust for the build project from the funds that have been identified.

The committee resolved by a majority decision to agree to ask the Trustees of the Recreation Trust to undertake the new build of the recreation pavilion, with a timescale so that completion of the build can be targeted for mid-year 2023.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm