

STROUD TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting of
THE GREEN SPACES COMMITTEE
12th June 2018 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Green (Chair), Lunnon, Marjoram (from Item 5), Poulton, Naumann and Sutton

In attendance: Kate Montgomery (Deputy Town Clerk)

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Dechan and Townley

2. Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

There were no declarations or requests.

3. Questions from the public

None received.

4. Minutes of the meeting of 6th March 2018

These were **approved** as a correct record and signed by Cllr Green.

5. To Consider a request from the Stroud Sacred Music Festival

A representative from Stroud Sacred Music Festival approached the committee regarding designating a 'Tree for Peace' in the town, in a similar way to the town of Woodbridge in Suffolk. The tree could be anywhere, but significance is placed upon the Persian Ironwood tree in Bank Gardens. The Sacred Music festival would not want ownership of the tree or its designation. The tree would become a symbolic place of reflection and meditation. This would not exclude other park users from using the tree.

The committee welcomed the idea of a tree for peace in Stroud. It was **agreed** that formal adoption of a specific tree was unnecessary but the committee was happy for the custom and practice to evolve over time for all members of the community to enjoy the tree.

(Cllr Marjoram arrived during this item)

6. Budget monitoring report

The report was noted.

7. Green Spaces Manager's report

The committee received the Green Spaces Manager's report.

The committee would like to rename St Ismier Corner at some point in the future.

The committee would like officers to persist with the 'Friends of Park Gardens'. Cllr Lunnon discussed insight into different communities who use the park for different reasons and suggested that these groups should be engaged as part of the planned public consultation.

Deputy Clerk

8. Stroud In Bloom

Cllr Poulton gave the committee a verbal report regarding Stroud In Bloom. The judging day is set for 10th July.

9. To approve the work programme of meeting items for 2018/2019

The committee **approved** the work programme.

10. To approve the extension of the contract for CBRE

The committee **recommended approval** of the contract to the FCP Committee.

11. To approve the project management costs and timings from CBRE for wall repairs.

The committee **approved** the estimates and timings for a three-year programme. The committee also **reconfirmed** that the wall at Bisley Road allotments will be reinstated with the wall and hedge as it was before.

Deputy Clerk

12. To approve a new contract for grave digging

The committee **approved** the contract for a two-year period with an option to extend this.

GS Manager

13. To confirm a date for members to visit the Town Council's green spaces

The date was set as Tuesday 19th June at 11.30am.

GS Manager

The meeting ended at 8.55pm.

Chair.....

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