

PADSTOW TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Leisure, Tourism and Open Space Committee meeting
held on Tuesday 19 April 2016 at Council Offices, Unit 5b Treceus
Industrial Estate, Padstow at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillors C Watson-Smyth (Chairman), F J Bealing, A P Flide, J Murt and D N Vivian

In Attendance: Mrs K Pemberton (Town Clerk)

LTOS2015/67 Apologies for absence: were received from Councillors R Buscombe and R Higman

LTOS2015/68 Announcements: None

LTOS2015/69 Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest.

LTOS2015/70 Public Participation: There was no public participation.

LTOS2015/71 Play Area - Lawns: The Town Clerk referred Committee to the agenda report and appendix. She outlined that she had instructed the Project Manager, as per Committee's decision, to put forward a design and build scheme for Plan 2 as per the budget allocated for both the skate facility and MUGA/tennis court.

However, the Project Manager had advised that realistically our budget would not allow for both of these projects to be progressed together. He had concerns that trying to do both at the same time could end up with two schemes that were compromised.

Therefore, in light of this he suggested putting forward a design and build scheme for the skate park and that the MUGA/tennis court improvements could be incorporated, at a later date into improvements to the car park. He had added that this part of the project would require specialised advice and by outlining the budget and then requesting them to come up with a design could be the best way forward.

There was much discussion on this issue and the merits of which project should be taken forward first. It was acknowledged that trying to do both scheme on the allocated budget could compromise both.

In response to a query on the budget, the Town Clerk confirmed that that an Ear-marked Reserve had been set aside by the Council of £73,388; £1,088 of which was raised locally for a skate park via the Mayor's Charity. Subsequently, £10,000 was earmarked for improvements to the tennis court. These were then merged as a Recreation Facilities Ear-marked Reserve totalling £83,388. However, the £1,088 mentioned early was specific to its spending. She confirmed that Council can amend these reserves as it saw fit.

The Project Manager had also advised that the budget being put forward for a scheme was best set at £73,000 with the remaining being available as a contingency and associated costs.

There was much discussion as to which project should be taken first. There was argument that more people would use a MUGA and improved tennis court but not a skate park. However, comment was made that the issue of a skate park had been talked about for so long that this should be taken forward first.

There was concern that one project could be taken forward now but that the other project may not happen, or if it did could take some time for it to happen. The Town Clerk commented that the Project Manager had been tasked with pulling together a specification for Station House and going out to tender. Once these tenders were back would help in determining available budget. The Town Clerk commented that the improvements to the lawns car park was in the Business Plan.

Comment was made that it would be helpful if the Project Manager could offer advice on cost advantages as to which project to take forward first and which project to integrate with the car park improvements. This would be helpful to know.

It was also felt that more work needed to be taken forward as to what facilities the MUGA would offer. Clearly, how many and what would determine cost.

Overall the Committee was keen to see the whole area developed for the good the community. This matter had moved forward with the plan agreed at the last meeting being identified for the space to be developed. It was considered that this could be updated at the Annual Town

Meeting and the thoughts and rationale on how best to take this project forward.

It was considered that this project should be taken forward properly and therefore that more information be requested of the Project Manager in order to determine the best way forward.

RESOLVED that the Project Manager be asked to "hold off" sending any project to Design and Build and that his advice be sought on cost advantages as to which project to take forward first.

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Date of Next Meeting Noted: Tuesday 5 July 2016 at 7.00pm

Meeting closed 7.40 pm