

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE,  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2010,  
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, KING'S HOUSE, THETFORD,  
STARTING AT 6 P.M.

Present:

Councillor T J Jermy, Chairman (as of item 62/10 below)  
The Mayor, Councillor Mrs P P Quadling

Councillors:

G P Balaam  
R F W Brame

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62/10 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR MAYORAL  
YEAR 2010/11

Chairman

RESOLVED that Councillor T J Jermy be elected Chairman of  
the Amenities Committee for Mayoral Year 2010/11.

Vice-Chairman

RESOLVED that Councillor R F W Brame be elected Vice-  
Chairman of the Amenities Committee for Mayoral Year  
2010/11.

63/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Committee Chairman, Councillor T J Jermy, declared a prejudicial  
interest in one of the applications being addressed under item 68/10,  
namely, the one received from Thetford Community Association (given  
his involvement in assisting with the event preparation). He absented  
himself from the Chamber whilst this was being discussed and voted  
upon, with Committee Vice-Chairman, Councillor R F W Brame, taking  
the chair for the discussion and vote.

Councillor G P Balaam declared a prejudicial interest in one of the  
applications being addressed under item 68/10, namely, the one  
received from Barnham Action Group (in his capacity as Vice-  
Chairman of the Group). He absented himself from the Chamber for  
the discussion and vote thereon.

64/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology was received on behalf of Councillor T J Lamb.

65/10 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Committee's meeting, held on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2010, as received by Council on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2010 under minute 570/09(b), be confirmed as a true record and signed/initialled by the Chairman.

66/10 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT OTHERWISE ADDRESSED BELOW

Updates were received from officers under various headings:

'Heritage' Bins in front of Guildhall

These were now in situ.

Pressure-Washing of Pebble-Finish Bins

This had been undertaken.

Play Area Transfer

The Committee was aware that no progress had been made and that responses on the specific queries raised by town councils – including Thetford – were awaited still.

Roundabout Adjacent to Market Place: Planting Proposals

The Town Manager reported that the enhancement of the roundabout in traffic engineering terms would precede any final decisions on planting.

Car Parking Needs in Town

The Committee was not convinced that enough emphasis was being placed on this by the powers-that-be within MTF. Both the Academy/Forum and Bus Interchange Projects were being looked upon by a significant and vocal number of local residents as exercises in reducing parking provision, with the educational and public transport benefits almost disregarded. Members of the Committee were increasingly perturbed by the failure to reassure the public that the provision of alternative town centre parking was as much a priority as realisation of both Projects.

Dog Control in the Town

A meeting with the district council's enforcement team had yet to take place.

67/10 FINANCIAL REPORT 2010/11

RESOLVED that the Dept 8 and Dept 10 figures for the Two Months Ended 31<sup>st</sup> May 2010 be noted.

68/10 FUNDING APPLICATIONS TO THE TOWN COUNCIL

Five applications were considered by the Committee, resulting in the following Recommendations to Council:

RECOMMENDED that the following awards be made:

1. Fulmerston Family Project: £100, subject to seeing set of accounts;
2. Thetford Community Association: £100, subject to minor corrections being made to accounts submitted;
3. Thetford Players: £100 (unconditional).

RECOMMENDED that the following lesser award be considered:

4. Barnham Action Group: £50, subject to seeing set of accounts and to other residents groups in the town being invited to apply for a comparable level of financial support

RECOMMENDED that the following request be refused:

5. 1<sup>st</sup> Thetford Guides: owing to 'wider community benefit' not being evident. That said, they should be encouraged to make further applications for, say, equipment.

RESOLVED that the deadline for the next round of Applications be set as Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2010 ahead of the Committee's next meeting (see item 70/10 below for date).

69/10 GRITTING REQUIREMENTS 2010/11

RESOLVED that, at the Council Meeting scheduled for 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010, Councillors be asked to nominate their preferred 'grit spots', with a view to the Town Council's acquiring some lockable grit bins ahead of the next anticipated cold snap.

70/10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that this be Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2010, starting at 6 pm.

Chairman