

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parks & Open Spaces Committee held on  
30 September 2010 at Callicroft House, Rodway Road, Patchway.**

Present: Cllrs. M. Grotzke (in the Chair)  
L. Gray  
J. Thomas  
Ms S. Pomfret  
B. Hopkinson  
A. Alsop  
Mrs E. Martin  
Mrs L. Hodder

**1. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Gordon.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

The Chairman asked Councillors to declare any interests in items to be discussed at the meeting.

**3. Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 22 July were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**4. Matters arising from the Minutes**

- a) Installation of play equipment at Patchway Common  
A quotation was expected shortly from a second contractor.  
This had been delayed over the summer due to his unavailability.
- b) Tarmac parking area at Pretoria Road allotments  
This work had been delayed due to trenching for a new water supply to the allotments hut which was in progress.
- c) Playbuilders Projects  
Gorse Covert was completed except for a litter bin and teen shelter.  
Scott Park was still under construction with additional funds having been found by SGC to add swings and a slide for disabled children. It was agreed that a letter of thanks to SGC should be sent.

## **5. Groundsmen's Reports**

These reports were noted and are attached to the minutes.

The Committee was pleased to note that work to convert the bottom garage into a disabled toilet and staff room was about to commence, funded by a SGC grant.

Cllrs. Hopkinson and Alsop asked for a copy of the street cleaning schedule. The Clerk would arranged for signs to be erected at the Cranbourne/Durban Road junction directing the public to the toilets in Callicroft House while the new library, which would include public toilets, was under construction.

## **6. Report on Advisory Committees**

There had been no issues arising from Patchway Common Advisory except the continuing problem of dog fouling.

Councillors had been pleased that the BMX Club had joined the Scott Park Advisory Committee and there had been a useful discussion with their representatives.

## **7. Fencing in Scott Park**

The Committee noted that the chain link fencing round the hard court had deteriorated and was dangerous. It was noted that the long term plan was that this court would be moved adjacent to the pavilion but it was agreed that in the meantime the fencing needed repair to keep the court safe and serviceable. It was agreed that repairs to the value of £1,158 should be carried out.

The Committee agreed that another 100m section of the perimeter fencing should be replaced in this financial year, as budgeted. This section would be the boundary of the children's play area and the cost would be £8,000.

It was noted that it was possible that SGC would replace the boundary fence of the new Playbuilders area.

## **8. Scott Park Focus Group**

Cllr. Grotzke updated the Committee on the work of the Focus Group which had been set up at the request of SGC to reflect the views of the community on the Playbuilder Project in Scott Park. Its membership was the Scott Park Advisory Committee plus youth representatives. The Focus Group had a vision for the future development of the Park which included upgrading the skateboard park, completion of the circular path round the Park, more attractive seating areas and adult fitness equipment spread round the circular path.

The Clerk reported that Southern Brooks Community Partnership was assisting with fundraising and an application to Biffa had passed its first stage. There was also the possibility of applying to South Glos. Environment Board for funding.

The Committee discussed expanding the work of the Focus Group to cover the whole of Patchway with a Strategic Plan for all the play areas and open spaces. The Clerk had large-scale plans which could be used to plot the existing facilities. At the last Council meeting, Cllr. Dando had indicated that he would like to be part of this group. It was agreed that the proposal to adopt a Play Policy for Patchway could be integrated into an expanded group.

## **9. Patchway Youth Development Group**

Cllr. Hopkinson expressed his interest in the establishment of a Youth Development Group which would work with statutory and voluntary youth organisations and consult with young people on developing the services provided for young people in Patchway. It was noted that there could be changes in the youth service provided by SGC due to budget cuts in the next financial year.

It was agreed to place this item on the agenda for the next Council meeting for discussion.

## **10. Matters raised by Members**

Cllr. Hodder requested an additional dog bin on the Tumps at the entrance from Elmore Road. It was noted that the problem was that SGC was not willing to provide any more dog bins in Patchway due to the cost of emptying them. The Clerk was asked to discuss with SGC whether the Town Council could be paid to empty the bins and this would give the flexibility to install extra bins.

Cllr. Grotzke informed the Committee that he had been approached by an allotment holder at Pretoria Road site complaining about the running of the site. He had referred the resident to the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Wightman. This action was endorsed by Councillors.

## **11. Date of next meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 25 November and that this would be the budget meeting. The meeting would commence with a meeting with representatives of the two allotment groups.