

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parks & Open Spaces Committee held on  
24 July 2014 at Callicroft House, Rodway Road, Patchway.**

Present: Cllrs. Mrs E. Martin (in the Chair)  
P. Cottrell  
M. Greensword

**1. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Mills and Grotzke.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

The Chairman asked members to declare any interests on matters to be discussed.

**3. Minutes**

The minutes of the last meeting held 26 June were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**4. Matters arising from the minutes**

a) Information boards for all play areas

The Committee noted that the boards had been delivered and would be erected by the groundstaff.

b) Changing rooms at Sports & Social Club

The Committee noted that arrangements had been made to box in the water heaters according to the specification of British Gas; necessary maintenance work to include painting the floor, re-grouting the tiles and painting the walls and ceiling was being carried out and that the changing rooms would be cleaned in future by Town Council staff.

c) Patchway Sports Vision

It was noted that a meeting would be held shortly between SGC officers and representatives of the Community Sports Association.

d) Annual Inspection of Play Spaces and Equipment

It was noted that the groundstaff were correcting the minor points in the play areas raised by the inspector.

## **5. Anti-Dog Fouling Campaign**

Roger Poole, the SGC officer responsible for this pilot project in Patchway, had been unable to attend the meeting but had asked for the Council's comments as SGC were considering replicating the campaign in other areas.

The Committee noted that Mr. Poole had visited all schools and attended Patchway Festival with publicity material and a word search competition sponsored by local vets. It was agreed that the campaign had increased public perception of dog fouling and the new posters which our groundstaff had erected in areas where fouling was a particular problem had been helpful but on-going work would be necessary to impact on the residents who ignored the request to "bag it and bin it". The labelling of all litter bins for the use of dog waste was a very good idea but the retention of dog waste bins was essential, as shown by the fact that the groundstaff were emptying 26 bins weekly, all of which were well used.

## **6. Groundsmen's Reports**

The Committee noted the reports from the groundsmen which are attached to the minutes.

It was noted that the Finance Committee had agreed that essential maintenance equipment should be purchased.

## **7. Other matters raised**

The Committee noted that the roofs of 2 containers which belonged to Pretoria Road Allotment Society and 1 owned by Patchway Conservation Group had rusted and were letting in water. A quotation had been received from R&B Roofing in the sum of £2,013. This was noted by the Committee as there was the possibility that Merlin Housing might make a grant to these groups for the repair work.

## **8. Skateboard Area**

At the end of the meeting the Committee welcomed Crispin Donovan, one of the youth outreach workers employed by SBCP. Crispin had been speaking to young people who use the area in Scott Park and had the following requests:

- a) The rivets on some of the ramps had popped out leaving the wood beneath damp and rotting and some areas of metal sheeting lifting.
- b) The young people would like a rain cover for the area so they could use

it on wet evenings.

- c) They would like more seating and a bin, which could be graffitied to make them more attractive to the users.

The Committee informed Crispin that the next meeting of the Parks Committee would be held in the Park and Members would be pleased to meet young people at the skateboard area that evening.

**9. Date of next meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting was scheduled for 25 September but in order to avoid a clash with a Burial Committee meeting, it was agreed that the meeting and the preceding Advisory Committees would be held on 11 September at Scott Park Pavilion.