

Minutes of a meeting of the Sandwich Town Council Advisory Committee, 18th June 2014, in the Council Chamber, Guildhall, Sandwich at 6:00pm.

Present: **The Mayor (in the Chair)**
 Cllr Bragg
 Cllr Butcher
 Cllr Moorhouse
 Cllr Mrs Russell
 Cllr Scott
 Cllr Sneller

Officer: **Miss T. Weir**

23.06.14 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Daw who was on holiday.

**24.06.14 DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS
AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT INTERESTS**

Cllr Moorhouse declared an interest in agenda item 25.06.14 (iii) as an officer of Sandwich Community Events Association (hereafter referred to as SCEA).

25.06.14 COW LEAS MEADOW

(i) The Committee received a verbal update from Mr Steve Laslett (SCEA) with a proposal for the future use of Cow Leas Meadow. Mr Laslett informed the Committee that the Meadow was currently being used by SCEA to provide overflow car parking for community events. Local farmer Nick Kenton had just taken hay off the site. Mr Laslett felt that plans for the short/medium term should link in with any long term plans linked to the DDC Parks & Amenity Open Space Strategy (hereafter “the Strategy”); in the long term, the site could be used to create a mixed use public facility including grasscrete bays for parking, naturally formed by trees and bushes, perhaps with a picnic area and a bridge at the end of the Ropewalk, to complement a circular route around the old town walls. This would all depend on DDC’s intentions for the Strategy and the availability of HLF funding.

(ii) It was **RESOLVED** that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by s.100 of the Local Government Act 1972) the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following item on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of the Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by virtue of the paragraph specified against this item.

Cllr Moorhouse left the room for the following item.

(iii) The Committee discussed Mr Laslett's proposal and the existing agreement for the use of Cow Leas Meadow.

RECOMMENDATION: That lease of Cow Leas Meadow be offered again to Mr Laslett on behalf of SCEA for a nominal rent of £5 / £10, using a new agreement based on the grazier's agreement formerly used for this site; this agreement to include enforceable terms for the maintenance of hedges and boundaries, and liability; this agreement should initially run for one calendar year, January - December.