

Minutes of the Meeting of the **BEACH GARDENS**
BEST VALUE REVIEW WORKING GROUP held at the
Town Hall on **Wednesday, 12th October 2005** at **9.30 a.m.**

Present: -

Councillor A H Miller	Chairman
Councillor Mrs J Farrow	
Councillor M Pratt	

Also in attendance: -

Mrs A Holmes	Tourist Information Centre Manager
Mr G Brookes	Operations Manager
Mr J Jervis	Carpenter

1) **Apologies**

Apologies for their inability to attend the meeting were received from Councillors Bright and Mrs J D Wheeldon.

2) **Review of Minutes – 7th September 2005**

Further to minute 3) the Chairman summarised the results of the survey of visitors to the Tourist Information Centre. Although there had been few responses to the questionnaire, it was noted that respondents were generally in favour of an improved refreshment facility at the Pavilion.

In respect of minute 3) i), the Chairman stressed that all Clubs and other users of the Pavilion should be informed of the new booking arrangements as soon as possible.

The Working Group then discussed booking of the tennis courts, further to minute 3) ii). After lengthy discussion of current usage by the Tennis Club, and independent trainers, it was agreed that there ought to be greater availability of tennis courts to the general public.

ACTION: The Tourist Information Centre Manager to report to the next meeting of the Working Group on possible options to ensure greater availability of tennis courts to the general public. Also, to prepare financial information concerning the current usage of the tennis courts by the Tennis Club and trainers.

The booking of bowling rinks was then discussed and the Working Group expressed concern over the level of public access to the bowling green. A copy of the Bowling Green Regulations, drawn up in 1978, was placed before the meeting and it was agreed to review these regulations at the next meeting of the Working Group.

The Chairman then raised the question of the siting of the crazy golf holes, agreed under minute 3. Various options were discussed, and the Operations Manager was asked to draw up a number of costed options for consideration at the next meeting of the Working Group.

ACTION: The Operations Manager to prepare a number of costed options for the siting of crazy golf holes at Beach Gardens.

3) **Review Framework – Further Discussion**

The Chairman stressed the importance of acquiring comparable information on charges for bowling, tennis and putting from other local authorities. It was agreed that further consideration of the Review Framework be deferred until the proposals of the Working Group were more fully developed.

4) **Pavilion Alterations and Refreshment Facilities**

The alterations required to the Pavilion in order to create a new refreshment facility were discussed, and the question of how to allocate space to the Tennis and Bowls Clubs was also debated at length. Councillor Pratt stressed that the Town Council was owner of the Pavilion on behalf of the council taxpayers of the town and therefore has a responsibility to attain the best value from that facility for the whole community. The availability of storage space to the Tennis and Bowls Clubs, both within and underneath the Pavilion, was also discussed.

After further debate it was PROPOSED by Councillor Pratt and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Farrow:

That the Working Group recommends the adoption of the plan of the Pavilion placed before this meeting and that the Tennis and Bowls Clubs be offered the use of stores two and three, the precise use of which to be subject to Town Council approval.

Upon being put to the Meeting, TWO Members voted IN FAVOUR of the Proposition and there was ONE ABSTENTION, whereupon the Proposition was declared CARRIED.

During further discussion of the structural alterations to the Pavilion, it was agreed that a partition should be retained and that the existing door on the southern side of the building be incorporated into the plan. The Operations Manager estimated that the work would take six to eight weeks to carry out. It was AGREED:

That the Operations Manager prepare quotations for the repairs and structural alterations to the Pavilion, excluding the fittings required for the refreshment area, for the next Meeting of the Beach Gardens Best Value Review Working Group.

ACTION: The Operations Manager to prepare quotations for the repairs and structural alterations to the Pavilion for the next Meeting of the Working Group.

5) **Any Other Matters**

Mr G Brookes enquired about the proposed timescale for the refurbishment of the Pavilion and it was agreed that the work should be completed prior to April 1st 2006.

6) **Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting of the Beach Gardens Best Value Review Working Group was set for Monday 24th October at 2.00 p.m.

The Meeting closed at 10.45 a.m.
