

Minutes of the Meeting of the **BEACH GARDENS**
BEST VALUE REVIEW WORKING GROUP held at the
Town Hall on **Monday, 24th October 2005** at **2.00 p.m.**

Present: -

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

Also in attendance: -

Mr A Leeson	Town Clerk
Mrs A Holmes	Tourist Information Centre Manager
Mr G Brookes	Operations Manager

1) **Apologies**

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

2) **Review of Minutes – 24th October 2005**

There were no matters arising from these minutes.

3) **Public Use of Tennis and Bowls Facilities**

The Working Group considered a document prepared by the Tourist Information Centre Manager giving details of membership of the Tennis and Bowls Clubs, and a financial analysis of their usage of the facilities at Beach Gardens.

In light of this, the availability of tennis courts and bowling rinks for use by the general public was discussed, and a number of proposals were formulated as the basis of future consultation with the Tennis and Bowls Clubs. It was agreed that representatives of the Tennis and Bowls Clubs be invited to the next meeting of the Working Group.

4) **Review of Existing Regulations – Bowling Green and Pavilion**

The existing conditions of letting the Pavilion were briefly examined and the Working Group reaffirmed that the Pavilion must be available for use by the general public between mid-April and mid-September, including use of the changing rooms. Further detailed consideration of the regulations was deferred to a future meeting.

During discussion of this issue, the allocation of storage space to the clubs was debated. It was agreed to consult each of the clubs over their proposals for the stores allocated to them under item 4 of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Beach Gardens Best Value Review Working Group held on 12th October 2005. It was also agreed that the Operations Manager prepare a plan of the storage area underneath the Pavilion to be distributed to the Tennis and Bowls Clubs and discussed at the next meeting of the Working Group.

ACTION: The Operations Manager to prepare a plan of the storage area under the Pavilion to be distributed to the Tennis and Bowls Clubs and discussed at the next meeting of the Beach Gardens Best Value Review Working Group.
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5) **Crazy Golf Options**

The Operations Manager reported on the various options for the siting of Crazy Golf Holes. Option 1, in the triangle of land between the bowling green and the south-west corner of the gardens, was ruled out due to its interference with the existing putting greens and sloping ground. Option 3, along the northern edge of the tennis courts, was also felt to be unworkable without extensive ground works.

The Operations Manager stated that Option 2, on the site of tennis court 7, had the advantage of being a safe and secure area, with a level surface. After further discussion Councillor Mrs Farrow PROPOSED, Councillor Pratt SECONDED and it was RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:

That, subject to Council approval, tennis court 7 is the preferred site for a crazy golf course, provided funding is available.

It was agreed that further details of crazy golf equipment be provided at the next meeting of the Working Group.

ACTION: The Operations Manager to produce further details of crazy golf equipment to the next meeting of the Beach Gardens Best Value Review Working Group.

6) **Pavilion Alterations – Budget Update**

The relative merits of different heating systems for the Pavilion were discussed and it was agreed that a wet system was unsuitable. The Operations Manager was requested to prepare proposals for a heating system for the next meeting of the Working Group.

The best material for replacement windows was also discussed, and the Operations Manager was asked to prepare quotes for PVC windows.

The question of providing showers in the changing rooms was raised and it was agreed to consult the clubs on this issue. The Operations Manager was requested to obtain quotes for the installation of a shower in each changing room.

ACTION: The Operations Manager to prepare quotations for a new heating system, PVC windows, and showers for the Pavilion for the next meeting of the Beach Gardens Best Value Review.

7) **Any Other Matters**

No matters were reported under this item.

8) **Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting of the Beach Gardens Best Value Review Working Group was set for Monday 7th November at 9.30 a.m.

The Meeting closed at 3.25 p.m.
