

WERNETH LOW COUNTRY PARK JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

18 February 2019

Commenced: 10:37

Terminated: 12:00

Present: Mr Gradwell (Chair), Mr Ainger, Mrs Evans and Mr Hodgkinson
Councillors Robinson (Deputy Chair), Bell, Bowden, Cooper,
J Fitzpatrick,

In Attendance: Nicola Marshall Greenspace Development Manager
David Cannon Greenspace Development Officer

Apologies for Absence: Councillor Buglass, Councillor Cooper and Mr Galvin

12. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

13. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Werneth Low Country Park Joint Management Committee held on 19 November 2018 were approved as a correct record.

14. UPDATE ON THE REPORTING LINES FOR THE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Chair led a conversation on the reporting lines for the Joint Management Committee. Greenspace Development Manager agreed to look at alternative arrangements for future meetings.

RESOLVED

That the Greenspace Development Manager to look at alternative arrangements on reporting for future meetings.

15. GREENSPACE DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

The Greenspace Development Officer submitted a report informing members of the activities undertaken within the Country Park since the last meeting of the Joint Management Committee held on 19 November 2018.

The report outlined the following:-

- Maintenance of Sites
- Environmental Stewardship – higher Level Agreement 2010-2020 Update
- Public Events
- Werneth Low Country Park Greenspace Volunteer Service
- The Lower Higham Visitor Centre
- Wildlife Nature Conservation

With regards to maintenance of Sites it was reported that the summer grass cutting programme from 2019 will start at the end of March. The programme includes: the grass cutting of the Lower

Higham Visitor Centre area, car parks, access points, picnic areas and strips along footpaths. The cost of this programme of maintenance is paid by Tameside Council.

The Joint Committee were informed that quotations from contractors in regards to number of footpath repair projects. The projects and costs are as follows

- Resurfacing the footpath from Lower Higham to Hackingknife: Cost: £6,384.
- Resurfacing the footpath from Cenotaph across Hackingknife Meadow: Cost: £3,327.

The Joint Committee agreed to go forward with these repairs with both the Trust and Council contributing to cover 50% of the costs each.

The Greenspace Development Officer reported to the Joint Committee that an audit had been completed on all the footpaths within the Country Park. A number of these paths have not been resurfaced in several years and the condition was such that repairs are required. These amounted to 1,185 meters of footpath. The Greenspace Development Officer estimated based on previous years that the cost would be £10,861. The Joint Committee agreed that the Green Space Development Officer should report back to the committee with quotes.

In the last meeting of the Joint Committee a subgroup to discuss the 1979 agreement comprised of three Tameside MBC representatives and two Hyde War Memorial Trust representatives was established. The Joint Committee wanted to note the apologies from Councillor Bell for being unable to attend the first meeting of this sub group.

The Joint Committee thanked Mike Kelly for the work he has done during the Autumn and Winter Hedge laying in the Country Park.

RESOLVED

- That the Joint Committee note the report.**
- That the Green Space Development Officer report back to the Joint Committee with Quotes on the costs of the resurfacing the footpaths outlined in the report.**

16. INSTALLATION OF CCTV AT THE WERNETH LOW VISITOR CENTRE

David Cannon, Greenspace Development Officer presented a report on the CCTV proposals for CCTV installation at the Werneth Low Visitor Centre.

Following thefts of flagstones from the area outside of the Werneth Low Visitor Centre the Hyde War Memorial Trust sought a quote for the installation of CCTV cameras on the exterior of the building to monitor and protect their assets. The proposal was for there to be 5 cameras on the outside of the building. These cameras would cover the external areas of the building but would not cover inside the building. The monitoring of these cameras would be carried out by Trustees of the Hyde War Memorial Trust, not all Trustees would be able to monitor the cameras and the Hyde War Memorial Trust would name those Trustees who had access.

The chair led a conversation on the relevant legislation that would need to be complied with, including GDPR and Article 8 of the Human Rights Act. The Joint Committee discussed the possibility of data requests from members of the public and how to handle in accordance with legislation.

The Greenspace Development Officer who is based at Werneth Low raised concerns about the CCTV as he felt it could infringe on his privacy and expressed concern over who would be monitoring the CCTV.

RESOLVED

That the Joint Committee note the report.