

**HORDEN RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of Meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

**Present:** Councillor R Bagnall (Chairman)  
 Councillors W Hill, D Langan, E Connor, C Cain, I Roberts, D Tait, J Clark, L Williams, D Nicol, E Wood and W Smith

**Staff:** Mr. P Davsion (Clerk)

**HRG 15/16/060**      **Declarations of Interest**  
 No Members submitted any declarations of interest on the matters to be considered on the agenda.  
**RESOLVED:** that no declarations of interest be NOTED.

**HRG 15/16/061**      **Apologies for Absence.**  
 Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors G Robson, M Clark and J White.  
**RESOLVED:** that the apologies submitted be APPROVED.

*Councillor J Clark entered the room at 5.04pm*

**HRG 15/16/062**      **Public Participation**  
 There were no members of the public present.

**HRG 15/16/063**      **Miners Sculpture**  
 The Chairman summarised the purpose of the agenda item which was to consider the date and format for an official event marking the installation of the miners sculpture recently purchased by the parish council.

The Clerk stated that predicted underspend in some existing budgets could be used if required in order to pay for event activities, and if required, funds from the Administration Reserve could be used. The clerk recommended a potential budget of up to £3,900 could be used, if required.

The Clerk advised that the ground had been prepared and the granite plinth had recently been installed. Members considered the orientation of the sculpture and felt that it was appropriate that this should face the old colliery site, if practicable.

A Member suggested that the sculptor conduct a site visit prior to the sculpture being installed to alleviate any potential siting problems in good time. The Clerk advised that this would be completed and that the installation of the sculpture would depend on the sculptors commitments with regards to the date, but should be installed as close to the event date as possible, if the sculpture was going to be covered until the unveiling event.

Much discussion ensued with regard to the event date. Members settled on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2015 between 11am-1pm. The Clerk advised he would need to check with the sculptor to ensure the work installing the art was completed prior to the date, ideally a few days before.

Members considered the format for the event at great length.

*Councillor L Williams entered the room at 5.42pm.*

*Councillor D Tait entered the room at 5.54pm.*

*Councillor J Clark left the room at 6.40pm.*

It was

**RESOLVED:** that

- (i) The event be held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2015 between the hours of 11am-1pm subject to the sculpture being able to be installed prior to that date.
- (ii) Appropriate publicity be undertaken to highlight the event
- (iii) The parish council hold a Heritage Day event in the Welfare Park for the hours specified.
- (iv) The SWC host a catering reception for up to 120 invited dignitaries, including the ex-miners previously selected in (vi) and one guest.

- (v) A fact finding exercise be undertaken to ascertain who the oldest living miners who worked at Horden Colliery are.
- (vi) Once responses have been obtained regarding (v), the parish council shortlist and decide on the individual(s) to formally unveil the sculpture.
- (vii) A faceplate be installed on the front of the sculpture's based with the inscription "Marra" at the top, and left otherwise blank, with an inscription to be added in the future after the event.
- (viii) The sculptor be contacted and request, if permissible, to use the sculptures image on memorabilia to sell at the event.