

MINUTES of the MEETING of the HERITAGE PARK / SKULL SITE SUB-COMMITTEE held at THE COUNCIL OFFICES, THE GROVE, SWANSCOMBE, on TUESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2012 at 1.30 PM

**PRESENT:** Councillor B E Read (Chairman)  
Councillor L J Bobby  
Councillor Ms L C Howes  
Councillor Mrs C K Openshaw  
Councillor P J Scanlan  
PC Laidlow (Heritage Officer)  
Mrs M Bull, Friends of Swanscombe Heritage Park (FOSHP)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Graham Blew, Town Clerk

**ABSENT:** There were none.

136/12-13. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor R J Lees (other commitments), Becky Plunkett, Natural England (other commitments), Lorraine Smith, Natural England (other commitments), Christine Bates, KCC Community Warden (unwell), Lis Dyson, KCC (other commitments) and Sara Stapleton, Responsible Financial Officer (emergency at home).

137/12-13. **SUBSTITUTES**

There were none.

138/12-13. **TO DECLARE INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were none.

*The Chairman gave the opportunity for the meeting to be adjourned at this point to accept questions from the public.*

139/12-13. **URGENT ITEMS / MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES.**

There were none.

140/12-13. **TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 NOVEMBER 2011.**

**Recommended:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 November 2011 be confirmed and signed as a true record.

141/12-13. **NORTH WEST KENT COUNTRYSIDE PARTNERSHIP (NWKCP).**

Unfortunately no representatives of the NWKCP were able to attend the meeting.

**Recommended:** That item be noted.

142/12-13. **SITE MAINTENANCE.**

Members were informed that the previously agreed shrub clearance had been undertaken by Groundwork at the end of January 2012. Councillor L J Bobby informed that future works would need to be aware that the Bee Orchid was now evident in the park again.

**Recommended:** That the RFO advises Groundwork of the presence of the Bee Orchid in the park.

143/12-13. **HLF FUNDING APPLICATION.**

The Chairman informed members of the content of Lis Dyson's email dated 23 August 2012 regarding the fact that Swanscombe would definitely be one of her priorities for the rest of this year and that she was sure that it would be possible to get the bid re-submitted by the end of the year, if the HLF accept it.

**Recommended:**

- 1 That the RFO contacts the HLF to ensure it was still possible to proceed with the bid.
- 2 That the RFO contacts Groundwork to ascertain who would be responsible for the bid and to advise if Emma Venthams previous files/documents relating to the bid had been located.

144/12-13. **PRIORITISED PROJECT LIST.**

**Recommended:** That the item be noted.

145/12-13. **FRIENDS OF SWANSCOMBE HERITAGE PARK (FOSHP) REPORT OF ACTIVITIES.**

Mrs Bull advised that the Easter Egg Hunt and Teddy Bears Picnic had both been successful and that the recent archery event had proved very popular with the older (10 – 14 year olds) children.

The Halloween Event would be held in the near future with the Heritage Day being this Saturday (8 September 2012) from 12 noon to 3pm.

**Recommended:** That the report be noted.

146/12-13. **HERITAGE PARK WEBSITE.**

The Town Clerk asked if any further updates were required.

**Recommended:** That the details for the Heritage Day (8 September 2012) be added to the website.

147/12-13. **ANY OTHER ITEMS RELATED TO THE HERITAGE PARK / SKULL SITE.**

Members informed PC Laidlow that motor bikes were still gaining access to the park although the problem of graffiti appeared to have dramatically decreased.

**Recommended:** That the item be noted.

148/12-13. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Recommended:** That the RFO liaises with the Chairman and makes the appropriate arrangements to schedule the next meeting.

There being no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 2.20 pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Chairman)

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