

Minutes of a meeting of the Assets & Amenities Committee held on 19th November 2024 in the Council Chamber, The Old Courthouse, Jaycroft Road, Burnham-on-Sea at 7 pm

Present: Councillors P. Clayton (Chair), M. Facey, J. Flurry, G. Gudka, L Millard, M. Murphy, C. Searing,

In attendance: E Dutton (Deputy Town Clerk), J Hook (Theatre Manager) and four members of the public

Public Participation: A member of the public spoke to request the Committee to consider updating the rules and regulations to allow silk flowers. They also raised concerns regarding dogs being in the cemeteries, dog waste in the green waste bins and groups of people sitting on the benches in Westfield Road Cemetery smoking illegal substances.

The comments were noted and the Deputy Town Clerk would look into the issues.

41.A24 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Wynn and Baker.

42.A24 To receive any declarations of interest on items included on this agenda

There were no declarations of interests.

43.A.24 To receive and approve the minutes of the Assets & Amenities meeting held on 24th September 2024

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Assets & Amenities Committee meeting held on 24th September 2024, were presented by the Chairman.

Resolved that the minutes be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

44.A.24 Matters arising from previous minutes

There were no matters arising.

45.A.24 To note the most recent committee income and expenditure report

No queries were raised and the report was noted.

46.A.24 To note the most recent football report

The report was noted.



47.A.24 To receive Town Rangers report

The report was noted.

48.A.24 To consider response to correspondence received

48.1 To consider a request to install Mental Health Support benches

Resolved that the Committee accepts the offer to install mental health support benches at Brent Road Cemetery, Millennium Green, Highbridge and if possible one on land near the train station, along with plaques for other benches on the seafront.

48.2 To set up a task and finish group to respond to the Law Commission consultation paper on Burial and Cremation

Resolved that Councillors Millard, Clayton and Searing are appointed onto a Task and Finish Group to draft a response.

48.3 To consider a request from Southwell Gardens to continue the grass cutting service

Resolved that the Council continues the grass cutting service at Southwell Gardens at a charge of £500.00 per annum.

48.4 To consider request to fly the Pride flag for Transgender Day of Remembrance

Resolved that the request to fly the Pride Flag on the 20th November 2024 for Transgender Day of Remembrance is approved.

49.A.24 Princess Theatre

49.1 To advise the committee of a new cleaning contract at The Princess Theatre

The cleaning contract update was noted.

49.2 To receive Theatre Managers update report

The Theatre Manager gave an overview of the report.

Participation groups are well attended and have groups nearly every day of the week.

Lots of events coming up, one being the Mayors Charity Event.

The report now shows a map of where the audiences have travelled from to watch the shows, people are coming in from out of town and using local businesses.



The Somerset County Gazette interviewed some of the volunteers for a feature published in December. The Theatre Manager expressed how lucky the Theatre was to have them and thanked them for their work.

Four half pages and one full page advert have been sold so far for the new brochure.

49.3 To review and agree Princess Theatre Storage Hire Fees and Charges and make a recommendation to Finance & Governance Committee for 2025/26

Resolved that the Committee recommends the proposed fees and charges to the Finance and Governance Committee.

50.A.24 Cemeteries

50.1 To receive cemeteries update report

The cemeteries report was noted.

51.A.24 Allotments

51.1 To receive allotments update report

The allotments report was noted.

52.A24 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting of the Assets and Amenities Committee will be held on 17th December 2024 at 7pm.