

**MINUTES OF THE ONE ITEM AGENDA MEETING OF THE OPEN SPACES AND PLAY
PARKS COMMITTEE**

**HELD IN ST CUTHBERT'S COMMUNITY HALL ON MONDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 2021
AT 6.30 PM**

Present Chair Cllr Angela Dale, Cllr Andrea Crowe, Cllr Jag Sharma
 Cllr Miles Burnham, Cllr Akuila Tutora

In Attendance Cllr Colin Mincher, Cllr Colin Lyne, Cllr Kevin Foster

Deputy Clerk Angie Pickersgill

Apologies Cllr Michelle Dunning & Cllr Charlene Thirlwell

“DECLARATION OF INTERESTS” Cllr Dale & Cllr Grant non pecuniary interest

QUEEN ELIZABETH II PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION PLAN

Deferred Item

A proposal had been put forward by Cllr Foster which it was unanimously agreed was an excellent idea and should be pursued. The discussion centred on the funding issues and meeting a possible shortfall. Cllr Foster proposed that the large screen should be booked now otherwise there might not be availability in the near future. It was proposed that the existing committee structure within the Town Council would be used to have a detailed discussion and the Open Spaces committee would meet on Mon 22nd November with a One item agenda. This was agreed with Cllr Foster voting against and Cllr Mincher abstaining

Noted that all Council members were invited to attend and be part of the debate but only the Open Spaces committee members could vote.

Option 1

The first option, was for Colburn Town Council's Open spaces committee to organise and fund with interested parties alone. This would consist of the 5 voting members of the committee. The other council members would be able to contribute but would not be able to vote. It would have to be worked on in a Committee Structure as they have a financial budget. The Scheme was not to be funded via the precept.

Option 2

Cllr Dale had spoken to the Garrison Gathering Committee about the suggested plan for the celebrations. The Garrison Gathering consists of 5 parishes, Community organisations, Veterans, Army and other businesses and local community. They have organised successful events over the years and would be happy to work with the CTC and all of the parishes working in partnership to achieve the Jubilee Celebrations. They have a wealth of resources, knowledge and skills that would be very useful for a project like this. All Councillors would be able to join in the Garrison Gathering working group and could be involved in the plan and celebrations.

Cllr Foster was asked if this was what he had in mind and he said no he wanted the Council to fund part of the money from reserves and to gain the rest of the money from applying for grants and the Council to financially support any short fall in funding and to be a Colburn only event.

Cllrs had a long and very constructive debate. Cllrs questioned using public money to meet a shortfall which was an unknown amount of money and were concerned about this.

Funding streams discussed were, Awards 4 All £10.000. However, the Open Spaces Committee had already accessed this for Colburn in Bloom and therefore unable to access again due to time constraints. With Option 1 the Council would only be able to access **one** funding source from the RDC grants.

Funding could be sourced through the Garrison Gathering if Option 2 was taken as they have not applied for grants.

A vote was taken by the committee on which Option to take. Option 1 was not proposed. Option 2 was proposed by Cllr Crowe and seconded by Cllr Burnham and the vote was carried. Cllr Sharma wanted clarification on the funding given by the Town Council.

A second vote was taken on financial contribution; Cllr Burnham proposed £2000 be put in for the funding from the reserves. An amendment of £1500 was proposed by Cllr Sharma and seconded by Cllr Tutora. All agreed £1500 to go to the Jubilee fund.

Cllr Foster left the meeting at 7.45 pm.

The Chair thanked all Cllrs for attending and asked if they would like to contribute to the Jubilee Plan Cllrs Sharma, Burnham, Lyne, Mincher, Crowe, Tutora, Grant & Dale all agreed to be in the working group. An email to be sent to Cllrs not in attendance to ask if they would like to contribute.

Meeting Closed at 7.55 pm.