

AT A MEETING of the
SIR GEORGE STAUNTON COUNTRY PARK JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
held at Sir George Staunton Country Park, Havant on 15 July 2013

PRESENT

Hampshire County Council

p Councillor Mrs. L. Fairhurst
p Councillor Mrs A Briggs
p Councillor R Finch
p Councillor D Keast
p Councillor R.C. McIntosh

p Kerry Bailey
p Tim Speller
a Jane Lovett
p Adam Owen

East Hampshire District Council

p Councillor Mrs. D.K. Denston
p Mr Stephen d'Este Hoare

Havant Borough Council

p Councillor Mrs. Y. Weeks
p Mr. Jeff Crate

10. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Andrew Smith.

11. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter considered at the meeting they must declare that interest at the time of the relevant debate and, having regard to the circumstances described in Part 3 Paragraph 1.5 of the County Council's Members' Code of Conduct, leave the meeting while the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with Paragraph 1.6 of the Code. Furthermore Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Non-Pecuniary interest in a matter being considered at the meeting they considered whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 2 of the Code, considered whether it was appropriate to leave the meeting whilst the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with the Code.

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12.	DEPUTATIONS																													
	There were no deputations.																													
13.	MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING																													
	<p>The minutes of the meeting held on 28 June 2013 were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman</p> <p>Matters arising:-</p> <p>Item 6: Members were informed that there was now an official leaflet for the Shipwright's Way, which comes through Staunton's car park. Tim Speller informed the Committee that an official notice about angling has been put up and most anglers are paying their £10 fee at the shop.</p> <p>Item 7: Adam Owen gave Members updated income and expenditure figures to enable comparisons to be made between parks.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Park</th> <th>Total Expenditure</th> <th>Total Income</th> <th>Net Cash Limit</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Lepe CP</td> <td>239,809</td> <td>-215,600</td> <td>24,209</td> </tr> <tr> <td>QE CP</td> <td>413,930</td> <td>-364,925</td> <td>49,005</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Titchfield Haven</td> <td>263,450</td> <td>-179,500</td> <td>83,950</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Royal Victoria CP</td> <td>328,200</td> <td>-268,400</td> <td>59,800</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Manor Farm</td> <td>519,100</td> <td>-421,500</td> <td>97,600</td> </tr> <tr> <td>STAUNTON</td> <td>950,300</td> <td>982,970</td> <td>191,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>It was agreed that the Committee would be provided with quarterly figures.</p> <p>It was confirmed that the stated £1,900 deficit, did not include the main £82,000 deficit; and that, although the Park had not paid back the budgeted amount, a start had been made.</p>	Park	Total Expenditure	Total Income	Net Cash Limit	Lepe CP	239,809	-215,600	24,209	QE CP	413,930	-364,925	49,005	Titchfield Haven	263,450	-179,500	83,950	Royal Victoria CP	328,200	-268,400	59,800	Manor Farm	519,100	-421,500	97,600	STAUNTON	950,300	982,970	191,000	Kerry Bailey
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14.	PARK MANAGER'S REPORT																													
	The Committee received the report of the Park Manager outlining recent and future developments at the Park. (Item 4 in																													

the Minute Book). Copies of the Park Manager's update presentation, Visitor numbers 2013/14, and Performance Reporting Totals for 2012/13 and 2013/14 for Staunton and other Parks were circulated. She answered questions raised by Members on her report.

Members were informed that the outcome of the Green Flag judging was awaited, but were hopeful that the new management plan that had been submitted would make up for the failure in this element in 2012 (2.3 in the report).

It was noted that fishing may have to be suspended due to a leak in the pond; information on what was planned and timescales were awaited, but the Environment Agency were providing four pumps to provide oxygen. The Committee were told that fishing was generating income, but mainly through annual memberships (2.3 in the report).

Kerry explained briefly about the background and work of the Beacon Community Partnership and would bring more detailed information to a future meeting. Members were informed that a volunteer co-ordinator was now in post and the Park intended to expand the number of volunteers using those on the waiting list. It was noted that Staunton had the highest number of volunteer days of all Hampshire's country parks (2.5 in the report).

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The Committee were informed that the cows, pigs and sheep at the Park were viable financially. There had been good publicity about Chloe the shire horse foal in the papers (2.6 in the report).

It was explained that *Camellia sinensis* var. *sinensis* which was to be grown, was the tea plant (2.8 in the report).

It was confirmed to Members that the £20,000 income from the car park was profit. To get a more accurate idea of the number of visitors to Leigh Park Garden, to include those that did not use the car park, the re-introduction of some type of counter was being investigated, although there was some difficulty due to the number of entrance points. Previous counters were inaccurate (4.1 in the report).

Members were informed that, although Sam Holly's marketing role had moved to the Central Marketing Team, there was no financial saving to the Park, but that the money was working harder and others were working on the Park's marketing. There was discussion about media coverage. It was noted that the Park is regularly mentioned in the Portsmouth News. The officers for East Hampshire and Havant would investigate whether the Park was being promoted in their council paper and it was suggested that the Park should be promoted again in Hampshire Now. Jeff Crate, Havant Borough's officer would look into whether the Park

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