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Amenities & Public Realm Committee Meeting, 20th October 2025 Minutes

Present

Chairman; Councillor Pearson

Councillors present: Allan, Keyes, Halford, Hesketh and Pearson.

Also present: Town Clerk and Lengthsman.

Councillor Allen took the Chair, at the beginning of the meeting, as Councillor Pearson was not present.

012(2025-26) Apologies for Absence

Councillors Perkins and Webster (ex-officio members).

013(2025-26) Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

None.

014(2025-26) Public Participation

None.

015(2025-26) Minutes of the last meeting

A copy of the minutes of the Amenities & Public Realm Committee meeting held on 18 August 2025 had been circulated.

Resolved: The minutes of the of the Amenities & Public Realm Committee meeting held on 18 August 2025, were confirmed and signed as a true record.

016(2025-26) Update on ongoing projects, initiatives and issues, Officers

Councillors were asked to consider the headline report and project sheets prepared by the Lengthsman and raise any questions/queries which require an update from relevant officers.

Councillor Allan queried how the information was presented. The Clerk sought guidance from the Committee, on the information Councillors wish to receive. The discussion did not lead to any actions, though it provided an opportunity for discussion.

Councillors Halford and Pearson arrived during this item.

Resolved: That staff meet with Councillors Pearson and Keyes to discuss the preferred format for information presented to the Committee.

017(2025-26) Wyre Council, Kepple Lane Park playground equipment, Clerk.

The Committee noted the following.

Wyre Council are planning to remove the fenced, Wyre Council owned, children's playground, which was installed in 2008 and is coming to the end of its expected natural life. Unfortunately, the surfacing is in very poor condition with severe shrinking around the edges. We would be looking to remove this in the next financial year. Wyre's intention would be return it to grassed public open space.

This has been communicated by the Public Realm Development & Strategy Manager in a site meeting with Chairs of Finance and Governance and Amenities Committees and staff.

Resolved: The Committee advised Council to object strongly to the removal of the Wyre owned playground equipment.

018(2025-26) Date of next meeting

15 December 2025.

The Meeting Finished at: 7.28pm