

CABINET SUB-COMMITTEE (FTC)
30/03/2017 at 11.30 am



Present: Councillor Akhtar (Chair)
Councillor Brownridge

1 **ELECTION OF CHAIR**

RESOLVED: That Councillor Akhtar be elected Chair of the Failsworth Trust Committee for the Municipal year 2016/17.

2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Stretton.

3 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business received.

4 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received.

5 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no public questions received.

6 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 24th November 2015 be approved as a correct record.

7 **CENTENARY FIELDS - FIELDS IN TRUST (FIT)**

The Trustees gave consideration to a report of the Executive Director (Economy, Skills and Neighbourhoods) asking them to determine whether to dedicate in perpetuity the Lower Memorial Park and adjoining land as a Centenary Field, to honour the memory of those who lost their lives and those who fought in World War I. The site would be protected by Fields in Trust (FIT) in partnership with The Royal British Legion.

The Trustees were informed that in 2014, Fields in Trust commenced a nationwide initiative in partnership with the Royal British Legion to secure recreational spaces in perpetuity to honour the memory of millions of people who lost their lives in World War I. Through this programme, landowners across the UK were encouraged to dedicate at least one recreational space as a Centenary Field, creating a tangible local legacy that would be available for use by communities for generations to come.

Fields in Trust existed to safeguard fields in perpetuity via a legal document called a deed of dedication. Their role was purely custodial and advisory, in that they ensured that the fact of protection of the site was in the public domain and that any change of use, or any buildings which fell outside the terms of

protection, would need the specific advanced consent of Fields in Trust. The criteria which Fields in Trust applied to replacement facilities were that they should be of:-

- i. at least equal size
- ii. better quality
- iii. serving the same community in terms of catchment area
- iv. any disposal should apply as much of the proceeds as necessary to replacement sport, recreation and/or play facilities, with priority given to outdoor before indoor facilities.

The Trustees noted that the Council held the freehold title in trust for the subject site which was being recommended for Centenary Field dedication. The site was currently maintained as a memorial park and open public recreational space to those who had fought and those who had lost their lives through various conflicts, mainly WWI and WWII.

Options/Alternatives considered:

Option 1 – Do not dedicate the land

Option 2 – Dedicate the property as a Centenary Field

RESOLVED: that the Trustees AGREED to the dedication in perpetuity of the Lower Memorial Park and adjoining land as a Centenary Field, as part of a partnership between Fields in Trust and The Royal British Legion to commemorate the World War I centenary and remember those who lost their lives and those who fought during the conflict, by protecting outdoor recreational space for the benefit of future generations.

The meeting started at 11.30 am and ended at 12.00 pm