

Appendix 1

NOTES FROM DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS AT MILTON COUNTRY PARK PUBLIC MEETING

ON 22 JANUARY 2006

Parking charges –

- Result in losing people who come for a short time
- Season ticket needed

Effect of parking charges will drive people out to park in Milton streets

Some parking by fishermen already – particularly affecting those who live near entrances.

Repay car park charges through café ie money taken off bill.

How much raised by parking charges?

M.C.C. car park will fill with MCP visitors.

Support Council managing the park, and staying democratically accountable.

Maintain status as a “Country” park, with appropriate activities.

Concerned about timing and venue, and lack of publicity

Are we considering selling land for housing? Not being pursued.

Caravans - like Peterborough park

Other ways to raise income?

Suggest cost to be a Friend and sponsorship.

Active Friends group, but activities not geared to raise funds for the Council.

Extend programme to schools to raise income.

Offer employee contribution scheme

Approach Science Park Companies and raise sponsorship

Days for staff at Science Park to do conservation work

Café an excellent idea

Money raised to go to park (not for other Council funds)

Don't have caravans/tents – too small

Disabled Group audit and improvements made eg ramps and better disabled access

If use this as a café, what about this space for teaching – will it be replaced?

Management: don't think there is a real alternative, should be kept as a public facility.
If private sector could make return, then the Council could.

If Council budget "in a mess", (cost of move to Cambourne) then park will be too. Feel park is not safe until Council gets budgets under control.

Not looking to make profit making, aim to get some income to offset costs.

Get double yellow lines on Fen Road.

Camping and caravanning, run by Camping and Caravanning Association.

Youth hostel?

Consultancy and Management Board from local retired residents.

Football pitch to bring in income

Advertising Facilities

Café would be wonderful

Distance between car park and centre

- Consultants advice "tosh"
- Rest of advice presented is sensible

Feasibility study to explore options for partnership with private sector.

Sail or model boats on lake?

Use centre for leisure learning, making more use of centre

- Feel it would be better than a café
- Topics relevant to country park environment

Things for sale – photographic history

- Glossy brochures/information leaflets

Use building as a café in daytime, and for other uses/activities in evenings or rent for private functions

Angling and stocks of fish

- Restocking to improve
- Use of young offenders service? Yes
- Continue with children activity days? Yes, but may charge more

An alternative to SCDC running, with MENCAP running the park.

Offer a win-win situation, through a Community Trust

- Demolish the current centre and replace

Sculpture park on green, using business sponsorship.

Wireless broadband access provided for café users to use laptops.