

# Whiteley Town Council

## Recreation and General Purposes Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held in the Council Rooms at Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at 7.40pm.

**Committee members present:** David Jenkins (Chairman), Colin Bielckus, Malcolm Butler, John Butter, Mike Evans, Chris Wye

Town Councillor Chris Harper, five members of the public, Town Clerk Nicki Oliver.

1. **To receive apologies for absence** Pat Thew, Tasmin Smith, Hazel Croft-Phillips.
2. **To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items** None.
3. **To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public**  
Resident Pat Wright asked if there were plans for dog control bylaws for Meadowside Recreation Ground. It was agreed to include questions about dog control in the Town Plan survey. Mr Wright heavily criticised the standard of landscape maintenance being carried out by Winchester City Council particularly grass cutting, overhanging hedges and vegetation. The Clerk advised complaints have been raised with WCC.

Resident Keith Slack requested fence repairs to woodland adjoining the Solent Hotel. The Clerk has been advised this is in private ownership and HCC has asked the landowner to carry out repairs. Mr Slack asked when the Shopping Centre end unit would be open. Cllr Mike Evans advised internal alterations would be carried out shortly and the attraction will be called Rock Up Whiteley.

Fareham resident Pam Chandler asked if the source of a metal clanging noise between 1 & 2am was known. Councillors suggested it could be railway activities.

Cllr Chris Harper noted that the seating outside Café Nero created a bottleneck for pedestrians.

#### 4. Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items:

- 4.1 To receive an update on Area K issues (Cllr Thew) **Refer to next meeting**
- 4.2 To note any outstanding play area repairs and landscape maintenance issues
  - 4.2.1 To receive update on project for inclusive play equipment for disabled children (Clerk)
  - 4.2.2 Request for additional seating on the recreation ground (Cllr Achwal)
  - 4.2.3 Update on hedge planting & maintenance of existing hedges (Chairman)
  - 4.2.4 Update on refurbishment of skatepark (Clerk)
  - 4.2.5 Update on request to rotovate and re-bark the Meadowside play area (Clerk)
  - 4.2.6 Proposal to widen path from leisure centre to all weather pitches – update (Clerk)**Refer above items to next meeting.**

4.3 To receive update on plans for events

4.3.1 Fireworks 2014 (Cllr Bielckus) **Fireworks event booked for 26<sup>th</sup> October. An initial meeting has taken place with the fireworks operator to look at how a display can be managed in a reduced area.**

4.3.2 Meadowside Music Festival 2014 (Cllr Thew/Cllr Jenkins) **Plans are progressing well. There is a full programme of entertainment and the next edition of the Whiteley Voice will promote the Festival.**

4.4 To receive an update on the proposal to review Tree Preservation Orders on Whiteley trees, enquiry about Solent 2 SINC (Cllr Croft-Phillips) and request for a site tidy (Cllr Wye) **Cllr Wye has corresponded with District Cllr Newman-McKie and a notice of the first stage of enforcement to tidy the site has been issued.**

4.5 To review the OCS contract for landscape maintenance which ends or is renewed in October 2014 **Refer to next meeting.**

4.6 To receive costed project suggestions with regard to possible offer of funding from Dawnus and opportunity to bid for the HCC Have Your Say grant **Ideas include the fitness trail proposed by a resident recently, new wooden sculptures, a flag pole. Costed proposals required to progress.**

5. **To identify any unmanaged risks within this committee's remit** None.
6. **Review effectiveness of communication, development of links with other community organisations and support for local democracy through making information more widely available** Continue to monitor.
7. **Recent correspondence/ reports from meetings attended of relevance to this committee** None.

Meeting closed 8.10pm