

# 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 12<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 7.45pm.

**Committee members present** Andy Baker (Chairman), David Jenkins (Vice-Chairman), Vivian Achwal, Malcolm Butler, Colin Bielckus, Pat Thew.

One member of the public, Town Clerk Nicki Oliver.

1. **To receive apologies for absence** Hazel Croft-Phillips, Mike Evans, Martin Neal, Morene Pinder, Tasmin Smith.
2. **To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items** None.
3. **To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public** Not required.
4. **Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items:**

4.1 To receive an update on issues affecting privately managed areas of Whiteley (Cllr Thew) **Nothing further to report.**

4.2 To note any outstanding play area repairs and landscape maintenance issues

4.2.1 To receive update on project to extend and refurbish Meadowside play area **Quotes awaited for wheel chair swing.**

4.2.2 To review fund raising plans for the above and discuss further options **Fundraising ongoing towards the sand and water play areas.**

4.2.3 To receive update on project to replace the skatepark in 2017 (Clerk) **Refer to next meeting.**

4.2.4 To receive feedback about residents' concerns regarding tree and shrub removal around the Solent Hotel (also see Planning Committee agenda item 4.1) **See Planning Committee minutes 12<sup>th</sup> October 2016.**

4.3 To receive update /feedback on plans for 2016 events

4.3.1 Meadowside Music Festival 9<sup>th</sup> July 2016 (Cllr Thew/Cllr Jenkins) **Plans for 2017 will begin after this year's fireworks event.**

4.3.2 Fireworks 30<sup>th</sup> October 2016 (Cllr Bielckus) **Plans progressing.**

4.3.3 To receive update on Parkrun proposals **No further news.**

4.3.4 To consider proposal to hold open air cinema events on Meadowside recreation ground **Clerk to contact Yateley and Fleet councils to see whether their events were successful. Refer to next meeting.**

4.4 Report from Tree Preservation Sub-Committee (Cllr Smith) **No reports this month.**

4.5 To receive costed future project suggestions

4.5.1 Christmas tree for town centre (Cllr Jenkins) **Refer to next meeting.**

4.5.2 Project to prepare a paper to highlight the potential for current and future Whiteley house and gardens to become more wildlife friendly **Agreed that the committee should undertake this project. Action Clerk & Cllr Croft-Phillips.**

4.5.3 Proposal to host the siting of two swift towers on Meadowside Recreation Ground to act as nesting sites for swifts and bats. **Agreed, proposed location near to sculpture bench.**

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