

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 13th July 2016 at 7.25pm.

Committee members present Tasmin Smith (Chairman), David Jenkins (Vice-Chairman), Colin Bielckus, Malcolm Butler, Hazel Croft-Phillips, Mike Evans.

Town Councillor Morene Pinder, one member of the public, Town Clerk Nicki Oliver

1. **To receive apologies for absence** Vivian Achwal, Andy Baker, Martin Neal, Pat Thew.
2. **To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items**
3. **To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public**
Resident Keith Slack complimented the town council on the Meadowside Music Festival and congratulated the organisers.
4. **Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items:**

4.1 To receive an update on issues affecting privately managed areas of Whiteley (Cllr Butler) **Meeting with WCC still to be arranged, options for the future management of Area K being researched.**

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 **The play area was opened on 8th July; the RoSPA inspector checked all was safe; a detailed inspection and post installation report is awaited. Thank you to Cllr Butler and the Co-op for providing fruit for the opening celebrations.**

4.2.2 To review fund raising plans for the above and discuss further options **An initial application for LEADER funding has been submitted. Rotary are leading a successful fundraising campaign for a wheel chair swing. Around £5k has been raised to date.**

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

4.2.4 To receive update on request for dog / litter bin for Marjoram Way (Clerk) **Bin installed.**

4.3 To receive update /feedback on plans for 2016 events

4.3.1 Meadowside Music Festival 9th July 2016 (Cllr Thew/Cllr Jenkins) **The Festival was very well attended, thanks to Cllr Pat Thew and Rotarian John Hall for their work leading up to the event and on the day.**

4.3.2 Fireworks 30th October 2016 (Cllr Bielckus) **Plans are progressing.**

4.3.3 To receive update on Parkrun proposals **Plans to hold a Parkrun are ongoing, led by Winchester City Council.**

4.3.4 To receive request to hold open air cinema events on Meadowside recreation ground **It was agreed to ask the organiser to present his ideas to the committee.**

4.4 Report from Tree Preservation Sub-Committee (Cllr Smith) **Plans are in hand to survey all trees on council land.**

4.5 To receive costed future project suggestions

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

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**

Winchester City Council would like to run free skateboard coaching sessions at the skatepark during the summer holidays, starting Friday 22nd July, then every Saturday until the end of August. **It was agreed to support the project.**

Meeting closed 8.15pm