

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 14th September 2016 at 7.30pm.

Committee members present Tasmin Smith (Chairman), David Jenkins (Vice-Chairman), Vivian Achwal, Andy Baker, Malcolm Butler.

Three members of the public, Town Clerk Nicki Oliver.

- 1. To receive apologies for absence** Colin Bielckus, Mike Evans, Pat Thew.
- 2. To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items** None.
- 3. To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public**
Members of the public expressed concerns about the cutting back of vegetation at the stream boundary with the Solent Hotel which has removed the screening of the building and the construction site. **Chairman / Clerk to raise with Winchester City Council.**

Resident Scott Fairfield spoke to say he is interested in helping with the regeneration of the skatepark. He has access to the fund raising details for Totton skatepark which was a £250K project. **The Chairman thanked Mr Fairfield and advised that a working party would be set up to discuss the plans.**

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) **Cllr Butler reported that residents need to convince the developer that a residents' management company should be set up to secure more control over the maintenance contract.**
- 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 first phase is complete and has been well used over the summer holidays.**
 - 4.2.2 To review fund raising plans for the above and discuss further options **Through successful grant applications and help from Whiteley Rotary sufficient funding for the wheelchair swing has been raised. Quotes for the supply and installation to be updated.**
 - 4.2.3 To receive update on project to replace the skatepark in 2017 (Clerk) **See item 3 above.**
 - 4.2.4 Proposal to replace fence around the Caraway play area – to receive quotes. **It was agreed to recommend to Full Council that an order be placed with Caroway for the sum of £4,450.00 + VAT. Residents to be advised of the work when a date is confirmed.**
- 4.3 To receive update /feedback on plans for 2016 events
 - 4.3.1 Meadowside Music Festival 9th July 2016 (Cllr Thew/Cllr Jenkins) **Plans for 2017 will begin after this year's fireworks event.**
 - 4.3.2 Fireworks 30th October 2016 (Cllr Bielckus) **Plans progressing well.**

4.3.3 To receive update on Parkrun proposals **Parkrun proposal was discussed at Full Council and was approved subject to conditions.**

4.3.4 To consider proposal to hold open air cinema events on Meadowside recreation ground **The proposal was discussed, no decision made, further research needed. Action all committee members.**

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

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 Clerk has met Tim Norriss from Hampshire Swifts, the organisation is looking for a site to host a swift tower which is a nest box on a streetlight type support. Meadowside Recreation Ground would be a good location. Agreed to add to the next agenda.

The Chairman advised of her intention to stand down.

Meeting closed 8.28pm