

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 16th March 2016 at 8pm.

Committee members present Tasmin Smith (Chairman), Andy Baker, Malcolm Butler, Hazel Croft-Phillips, David Jenkins.

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** Not required.
4. **Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items:**

4.1 To elect a Vice-Chairman for the committee for the remaining civic year – if required. **Agreed not required.**

4.2 To receive an update on issues affecting privately managed areas of Whiteley (Cllr Thew) **Cllr Thew and Cllr Butler have arranged a meeting with residents and WCC Head of Planning Julie Pinnock to discuss the history of the management of Area K.**

- 4.3 To note any outstanding play area repairs and landscape maintenance issues
- 4.3.1 To receive update on project to extend and refurbish Meadowside play area **Order for the first phase has been placed for completion in early July.**
 - 4.3.2 To review fund raising plans for the above and discuss further options **Ongoing.**
 - 4.3.3 To receive update on project to replace the skatepark in 2017 **Consultation with users to be arranged. Action Clerk.**
 - 4.3.4 Lead paint testing results (Cllr Smith) **Refer to next meeting.**

- 4.4 To receive update on plans for events
- 4.4.1 Fireworks 30th October 2016 (Cllr Bielckus) **Planning is ongoing.**
 - 4.4.2 Meadowside Music Festival 9th July 2016 (Cllr Thew/Cllr Jenkins) **Planning is ongoing, next meeting 13th April.**

4.5 Report from Tree Preservation Sub-Committee (Cllr Smith) **Nothing to report.**

- 4.6 To receive costed future project suggestions
- 4.6.1 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** A resident has mentioned to Cllr Thew that the pond on the Meadowside is reducing in size. It was noted that some clearing could be carried out when the play area is being extended.

Meeting closed 8.30pm