

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 November 2016 at 7.30pm.

Committee members present Andy Baker (Chairman), David Jenkins (Vice-Chairman), Vivian Achwal, Colin Bielckus, Morene Pinder.

Town Clerk Nicki Oliver.

- 1. To receive apologies for absence** Malcolm Butler, Hazel Croft-Phillips, 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 receive an update on issues affecting privately managed areas of Whiteley (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 to extend and refurbish Meadowside play area to receive quotes for the installation of the wheelchair swing and to make recommendation to Full Council **It was agreed to recommend to Full Council that:**

An order be placed with Miracle for the supply and delivery of the wheelchair swing for the sum of £6,226.30 + VAT.

An order be placed with Playsafe for the swing installation and surfacing for the sum of £3,733.00 + VAT.

Note that Miracle are the only suppliers of the swing of the chosen specification.

Two quotes for the installation were considered. Playsafe installed phase 1 of Meadowside Extraordinary Park on behalf of Sutcliffe and the Council has confidence in their workmanship.

4.2.2 To review fund raising plans for the above and discuss further options **Fundraising ideas welcomed.**

4.2.3 To receive update on project to replace the skatepark in 2017 (Clerk) **Due to fundraising required there are no plans to replace the skatepark in the short term, repairs being carried out to keep the park safe. There is ongoing disappointment with the volume of litter created by users.**

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) **Issues covered by the Planning Committee, remove from future agendas.**

4.2.5 To consider Meadowside security issues, potential for cctv and viability of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme **CCTV options to be researched. Meeting with Meon Valley Neighbourhood Watch to be arranged to look at the possibility of setting up a scheme to cover Meadowside Recreation Ground and the surrounding area. Action Clerk.**

- 4.3 To receive update /feedback on plans for 2016 events
- 4.3.1 Meadowside Music Festival 2017 (Cllr Thew/Cllr Jenkins) **2017 date to be confirmed.**
 - 4.3.2 Fireworks 30th October 2016 (Cllr Bielckus) **Wash-up meeting to be arranged. Action Clerk.**
 - 4.3.3 To receive update on Parkrun proposals **It is hoped to hold the first event in March 2017.**
 - 4.3.4 To consider proposal to hold open air cinema events on Meadowside recreation ground **The positive feedback from Yateley TC and Fleet TC was circulated. It was agreed to give permission for an event in 2017.**
- 4.4 Report from Tree Preservation Sub-Committee (Cllr Smith) **No report this month.**
- 4.5 Report on project to prepare a paper to highlight the potential for current and future Whiteley house and gardens to become more wildlife friendly (Cllr Croft-Phillips/Clerk) **Refer to next meeting.**
- 4.6 To receive costed future project suggestions
- 4.6.1 Christmas tree for town centre (Cllr Jenkins) **Refer to next meeting.**
 - 4.6.2 Replacement TC notice board for Meadowside Leisure Centre **Agreed to recommend to Full Council that an order is placed for a wall mounted board to match the free standing boards elsewhere in Whiteley as Greenbarnes quote 20th October 2016 for supply only £861.52 + VAT**
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 8.30pm