

# 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 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 7.10pm.

**Committee members present:** Andy Baker (Chairman), (Vice-Chairman) David Jenkins, Colin Bielckus, Malcolm Butler, Hazel Croft-Phillips, Mike Evans, Morene Pinder.

One member of the public, Town Clerk Nicki Oliver.

1. **To receive apologies for absence** Vivian Achwal, Bernie Rainer-Guy, Pat Thew.
2. **To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items** None.
3. **To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public**  
Resident Colin Putman noted that one of the dead trees in the Angelica Way former play area has now fallen over. **Clerk to report to WCC.**
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) **No report this month.**

4.2 To note any outstanding play area repairs and landscape maintenance issues. **The replacement boundary fence to the Saffron Way play area has been completed. Repairs to the Rosemary Gardens play area have been completed. A replacement part for the wheelchair swing has been ordered and the swing will be fenced off until it has been fitted. Work on the play area surfacing repairs and maintenance is due to start on 20<sup>th</sup> November.**

4.2.1 To review park extension fund raising plans for 2017, report from the fundraising sub-committee (Cllr Baker/ Cllr Butler) **The Co-op is planning Christmas fundraising activities including a Fair on 20<sup>th</sup> December.**

4.2.2 To consider Meadowside security issues, to receive update on the cctv installation **The system is up and running.**

4.2.3 Request to hire space on Meadowside for an ice-cream van **Remove from agenda, revisit next year if appropriate.**

4.3 To receive on plans for 2018 events **Dates: Meadowside Music Festival 7<sup>th</sup> July, Fireworks 28<sup>th</sup> October. Silent cinema and Ickle Pickles summer fair likely to request return visits.**

4.4 Report from Tree Preservation Sub-Committee (Cllr Jenkins) **Refer to next meeting.**

4.5 Report on project to prepare a paper to highlight the potential for current and future Whiteley houses and gardens to become more wildlife friendly (Cllr Croft-Phillips/Clerk) **Paper circulated to all councillors. Cllr Croft-Phillips spoke at the North Whiteley Forum held on 13<sup>th</sup> November to ask for support to maximise biodiversity in the new housing developments. WCC Steve Tilbury advised that this could be covered by reserved matters as detailed planning applications come forward.**

4.5.1 Proposal to install two swift towers on Meadowside Recreation Ground in 2017/18 funded through the current grounds maintenance budget **A number of options have been researched and a proposal to place an order with Stoneyford Engineering for a 12 bird box powered by a solar panel to be recommended to Full Council.**

4.6 To receive costed future project suggestions **No current project suggestions.**

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 7.47pm