

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 18th January 2017 at 7.50pm.

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

Town Clerk Nicki Oliver.

1. **To receive apologies for absence** 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: update on the installation of the wheelchair swing. **The swing is due to be installed in the next few weeks.**

4.2.2 To review fund raising plans for the above and discuss further options - to receive update from Cllr Butler on successful application to Co-op to help fundraise for the Extraordinary Park during 2017 **The Co-op is planning a lot of fund raising events and will be involved with the Annual Assembly and Meadowside Music Festival. The first event will celebrate Valentine's Day.**

4.2.3 To receive update on project to replace the skatepark (Clerk) **Agreed to remove from agendas, funds are being added annually for a replacement park but there is an insufficient budget at present.**

4.2.4 To consider Meadowside security issues, potential for cctv and viability of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme **Agreed to research quotes for cctv for discussion at the February Full Council meeting.**

4.3 To receive update /feedback on plans for 2017 events

4.3.1 Meadowside Music Festival 2017 (Cllr Thew/Cllr Jenkins) **Refer to next meeting.**

4.3.2 Fireworks 2017 (Cllr Bielckus) **Refer to next meeting.**

4.3.3 To receive update on Parkrun proposals **March start date anticipated.**

4.3.4 To consider proposal to hold open air cinema events on Meadowside recreation ground – **date proposal of Friday 4th August agreed.**

4.4 Report from Tree Preservation Sub-Committee (Cllr Jenkins) **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)
Cllr Croft-Phillips and Clerk have held an initial meeting to plan research for the project.

4.6 To receive costed future project suggestions

4.6.1 Christmas tree for town centre (Cllr Jenkins) **Remove from agenda until September 2017.**

5. To identify any unmanaged risks within this committee's remit The new play area has suffered criminal damage on two occasions, proposals are in hand to install cctv as a deterrent.

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 8.20pm