

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 October 2017 at 8pm.

Committee members present: Andy Baker (Chairman), David Jenkins (Vice-Chairman), Colin Bielckus, Malcolm Butler, Mike Evans, Morene Pinder, Bernie Rainer-Guy.

Three members of the public, Town Clerk Nicki Oliver.

1. **To receive apologies for absence** Hazel Croft-Phillips, Pat Thew.
2. **To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items** None.
3. **To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public** Alison Hogg and Mark Allen, members of Whiteley Community Association, explained the proposals for a service to replace the former youth club that ran from the community centre. There is a dispute over funds held by the former club. The Town Council advised that it had no call on any remaining funding and the Community Association should look at the constitution or terms of reference of the former club to resolve any problems. Members also asked that the previous leaders are involved in discussions regarding the new provision as they have advised the Town Council that they are keen to continue with youth work in Whiteley.

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 review park extension fund raising plans for 2017, report from the fundraising sub-committee (Cllr Baker/ Cllr Butler) **The Co-op is planning Halloween activities and Christmas events to help with fund raising. Thanks due to the Co-op for their ongoing work.**

4.2.2 To consider Meadowside security issues, to receive update on the cctv installation **The cctv is working, some adjustments still required. Further training to be carried out by Silverlining in due course.**

4.2.3 Request to hire space on Meadowside for an ice-cream van **Refer to next meeting.**

4.2.4 To consider quotes for play area surfacing repairs **It was agreed to recommend to Full Council that an order be placed with Vita Play for work to wetpour and rubber mulch surfacing in the Mollison Rise, Rosemary Gardens, Saffron Way and Meadowside play areas for the sum of £7,231 + VAT.**

4.3 To receive update /feedback on plans for 2017 events

4.3.1 Fireworks 2017 (Cllr Bielckus) **Plans going well. All councillors required as stewards, safety briefing at 3.45pm on Sunday 29th October.**

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)

4.5.1 Proposal to install two swift towers on Meadowside Recreation Ground in 2017/18 funded through the current grounds maintenance budget **Refer to next meeting.**

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

4.7 To consider request for help from Whiteley Youth Club leaders **It was agreed to help the leaders if at all possible. Possible venues are being researched but there is no short term solution.**

4.8 Proposal to join HCC Lengthsman Scheme via the Shedfield Parish cluster **It was agreed to join the scheme. Councillors to send all potential jobs for the lengthsman to the clerk.**

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** Update on cctv included in the autumn Whiteley Voice.

7. **Recent correspondence/ reports from meetings attended of relevance to this committee** None.

Meeting closed 8.37pm