

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 20th September 2017 at 8pm.

Committee members present: Andy Baker (Chairman), Malcolm Butler, Mike Evans, Morene Pinder, Pat Thew.

Town Clerk Nicki Oliver

- 1. To receive apologies for absence** Vivian Achwal, Colin Bielckus, Hazel Croft-Phillips, David Jenkins, Martin Neal, Bernie Rainer-Guy.
- 2. To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items** None.
- 3. To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public**
- 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) **Residents continue to raise concerns about management charges.**

4.2 To note any outstanding play area repairs and landscape maintenance issues

Some of the play areas need work carried out to the wetpour joints to prevent trip hazards. Clerk has work in hand.

4.2.1 To review park extension fund raising plans for 2017, report from the fundraising sub-committee (Cllr Baker/ Cllr Butler) **Nothing further to report.**

4.2.2 To consider Meadowside security issues, to receive update on the cctv installation **The cctv has been installed and is operational. Some further training on how to use the system is awaited.**

4.2.3 Request to hire space on Meadowside for an ice-cream van **Refer to next meeting. It was agreed that if catering is going to be provided a specification of requirements needs to be prepared and the 'pitch' put out to tender.**

4.3 To receive update /feedback on plans for 2017 events

4.3.1 Fireworks 2017 (Cllr Bielckus) **Event is on 29th October, planning is ongoing.**

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 houses and gardens to become more wildlife friendly (Cllr Croft-Phillips/Clerk)

4.5.1 Proposal to sow wildflower beds in Meadowside Recreation Ground path verge in 2018 funded through the current grounds maintenance budget **Agreed.**

4.5.2 Proposal to install two swift towers on Meadowside Recreation Ground in 2017/18 funded through the current grounds maintenance budget **Agreed in principle, further details and costings required. Action Clerk.**

4.6 To receive costed future project suggestions **None.**

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** Included above where appropriate.

Meeting closed 8.26pm