

Whiteley Parish Council

Strategic Development and Policy Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Wednesday 20th January at 8pm.

Parish Council Committee members present: Mike Evans (Chairman), Colin Bielckus, David Jenkins, Kairen Goves, Brenda Hatch, Al Menzies, Pat Thew

Parish Councillors Vivian Achwal, Brian Hughes, Roland Diffey, James Wade
Manager of Meadowside Leisure Centre, one member of the public, Parish Clerk
Nicki Oliver

1. **To receive apologies for absence** None.
2. **To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items** None.
3. **To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public**

Resident Vic Hatch asked a question about devolution, the Chairman explained that Mr Hatch was confusing the Meadowside Leisure Centre management and open spaces maintenance contracts which are separate issues, the agenda items make the situation clear.

4. **Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items:**

4.1 To review issues concerning proposals for North Whiteley and reports to be made to the North Whiteley Development Forum. **Confirmation of the membership of the Forum and date for first meeting awaited.**

4.2 To review issues concerning Whiteley Village redevelopment and hub/facility for young people proposals. Members reviewed an email **Members reviewed an email from WCC Community Planning Manager Steve Lincoln dated 24th November 2009 with estimated costs to fit out the hub. It was agreed to reply advising that the Parish Council expects HCC to fund the library fit out costs and that the proposed £50K WCC grant to the Parish Council should not be used for this or for fitting out shared areas such as the reception. The Parish Council wishes to decide how the £50K is spent, this sum was originally to assist towards a facility for young people and will be needed to deliver this and other community aspects of the hub.**

4.3 To discuss opportunity offered by Winchester City Council to take responsibility for Meadowside recreation ground, skatepark and play areas at the end of the current maintenance contract in March 2011 following a full consideration of financial and operational issues. **A meeting with WCC to discuss legal aspects of the adoption is awaited. A further article has been drafted for the February Whiteley Voice outlining the options for the open spaces when the Whiteley Fund is exhausted and the maintenance contract ends.**

4.4 To receive update on planning for improved access to Whiteley from Highways Working Party - SATURN study briefing 14th January **Following the meeting with HCC on 14th January it was agreed to chase up the Saturn validation report so that the robustness of the survey results and subsequent modelling can be scrutinised. The letter from HCC dated 15th January in respect of the findings has been posted on the Parish Council website.**

4.5 To agree response to WCC's consultation letter received 17th December regarding contracting the management of Meadowside Leisure Centre to DC Leisure with effect from 1 April 2010. **It was agreed to support the proposals in principle and to ask for an early meeting with DC Leisure and WCC to discuss how pitch bookings and other issues affecting the Parish Council will be managed.**

4.6 To review the Parish Council's 2009/10 strategy and key objectives and agree amendments and additions for 2010/11 **Awaiting input from other committees, refer to next meeting.**

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 Updates on the SATURN study, North Whiteley Forum, devolution, and Whiteley Village redevelopment to be included in the next Whiteley Voice and on the Parish Council's website.

7. Recent correspondence / reports from meetings of relevance to this committee. The Chairman met with WCC Leader and British Land to discuss Whiteley Village redevelopment proposals.

Meeting closed 8.55pm