

## CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

### **Clerks Report**

Council Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019

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- Continued discussions with David Gowland of Cambridgeshire County Council regarding the repair and transfer of The Blue School. The internal repairs to the toilets have been carried out and have been reopened. The external works are due to be carried out this month and the County are hoping to conclude this matter by at latest the end of November.
- Further meeting and discussions with Cambourne Eagles, Cambourne FC, Cambourne Rovers and Cambourne United regarding the future of football in Cambourne. The Working Group has met to look at the steps needed to set up One Club in Cambourne. A timeline is being drawn up for launching in July 2020 ready for the 2020/21 season. There has also been a meeting and discussions with the treasurers on how the finances can be carried forward to a united club.
- Discussions with Andrew Cole regarding the road adoption works being carried out in Cambourne.
- Meeting with Evie Lewis, Andy Medlock and Warren Bourne regarding adoption of Public Open Space and Local Areas of Play in Cambourne.
- Discussions with consultant regarding the Skatepark.
- Dealing with the Vandalism of the Sports Pavilion, liaising with the insurance company, police and contractors regarding the repairs. The building has dried out. We have chased the insurers regarding the claim and when we can commence the repair works.
- Meeting with Lindsay Cordell of Randall Thorpe regarding Contract 23 and transfer of greenways etc.
- Web Site the Community Development Officer and I have been chasing Coastline Graphics regarding the new domain name. the reason for the delay is that the Council itself has to submit the application rather than our agent a new form is being sent over for the Council to sign.
- Meeting with light up Cambourne regarding insurance, risk assessments and setting up of the lights etc.
- Meeting with members of the Fireworks Committee regarding insurance, risk assessments and setting up for the event.
- Meeting with Katie Critchley Cambs FA and Greg From the Football Foundation regarding the future development of facilities in Cambourne as part of a wider project and what potential enhancements could be made.
- Meeting with Alison Ainsworth, Event Support Ambassador (volunteer), parkrun UK, Ellen Bridges, Project Officer - Sustainable Communities and Partnerships SCDC, Leah Collis, Physical Activity Locality Coordinator, Let's Get Moving Cambridgeshire SCDC and Cllr G Thompson, Chairman Leisure and Amenities Committee to resolve the issues around starting a junior

parkrun in Cambourne, raised at the Leisure and Amenities Committee. It was a positive meeting and the Chairman and Town Clerk was able to agree that it was feasible subject to the Volunteers coming forward to Organise the event. Alison Ainsworth has obtained half the funding towards the setup costs, Leah agreed to look into what funding she could obtain from the District Council. If everything goes to plan the junior parkrun should start in April 2020.

- Meeting with Cllr G Thompson, Chairman Leisure and Amenities Committee and Simon Clasby Simon Clasby, General Manager, Cambourne Fitness & Sports Centre, Everyone Active regarding the maintenance, cleanliness and use of the Centre, this was constructive and Simon agreed to take on the issues discussed and improve the standard. It was agreed to hold the next meeting early December at the Centre and have a walk around.
- Assisted the Community Development Officer with the consultation event at the skatepark.
- Meeting regarding cable theft with Richard Ginnaw, National Security Manager, Openreach, Simon Daniels, Operational Security Manager – UK Central, Openreach and Mike Jenvey resident (initiated contact with Openreach). Richard and Simon outlined the issues with cable thefts on the Caxton by-pass and other linked thefts in South Cambs and how this has extended to Suffolk, Essex and now into Norfolk. Openreach are working closely with Cambridgeshire police employing an extensive array of Overt and Covert methods to deter and catch the criminals. Openreach are determined to stop the disturbance to residents and businesses in Cambourne and the other affected places. The public can help with the situation by being vigilant, if they see unusual occurrences close to the BT access points, they should contact Crimestoppers. Openreach are going to supply information on what to look out for, which includes preparation works including cutting holes in hedges, cutting padlocks on gates, removing bollards, also burn sites or black acid smoke. Open reach agreed to look at how they can improve their Communication with affected Communities. The last incident because of the measures taken the criminals were nearly caught and they only managed to cut the cable and did not get away with it. Openreach and the police are taking the issue and investing a lot of time and assets to deter a repeat of the thefts.
- The Chairs Group also met for the third time.

### **Community Development Officer report since 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019**

Jessica Lydon has been focusing on a number of events and projects, including:

- The Halloween party organised by Cambourne Town Council and Cambourne United FC was a success and enjoyed by the children and parents. We only went ahead with the first party due to lack of ticket sales for the later party, but we ended up selling out of the first party. Children enjoyed the disco, party games and cupcake decorating, and made excellent efforts with their costumes. We look to organise something Halloween themed next year to keep the children entertained during the school half term.
- We are at capacity for stalls for the Cambourne Christmas Market. Please come along and support the Christmas Market taking place on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 11am – 3pm at the Hub community centre. There will be children's craft activities in the Meeting Room, and all the stall holders will be in the Main Hall. Free mulled wine and mince pies will be served for the adults, and warm juice and gingerbread for the children!
- We are beginning to receive items that need repairing for the first Repair Café in Cambourne. We have a range of skilled volunteers that can do repairs such as sewing, electrical, bike repairs and jewellery repairs. Items must be registered via the online form link that can be found on the Town Council website or Facebook page. The Repair Café is taking place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December at the Hub community centre, 11am – 2pm.
- On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, the Town Clerk and I spent the day at the skatepark talking to the skatepark users about the refurbishment to the skatepark and received an additional 40 responses to the consultation. It was interesting to notice that all the users that day were scootering rather than skateboarding. The online survey has received 57 responses so far. The consultation is running until Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October. The findings from the consultation will be presented at the next Leisure & Amenities meeting.
- The Volunteers Thank You evening will take place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Invitations will be sent out soon to all the volunteers that have supported the Council this year. Councillors will receive an invitation too and are encouraged to attend.

It is

**Recommended** that the reports be received.