



CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE

A meeting of this Committee was held at The Hub Community Centre, Cambourne on Tuesday 19th November 2019. Meeting commenced at 7.20pm

Present:

Cllr G Thompson (Chairman)

Cllr A Ahmed

Cllr S Bhattacharya

Cllr A Fisher

Cllr J Patel

Cllr R Poulton

Cllr D Sharma

Cllr J Simpson

In attendance:

John Vickery-Town Clerk

Heather Nigbur-Day – Deputy Town Clerk

7 members of the Public were in attendance for the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllr O'Dwyer. Acceptable reasons for absence have been given.

It was:

RESOLVED that the apologies for absence from Cllr O'Dwyer had been received and approved.

2. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Leisure and Amenities Meeting LA/M82 held on 17th September 2019.

It was:

RESOLVED that the Minutes for the meeting, held on Tuesday 17th September 2019 (M82) were approved and signed.

3. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST OR REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION for items on the agenda.

Cllr Thompson disclosed a personal non-disclosable interest in Item 6.5 as a gym member of Everyone Active.

Cllr J Patel disclosed a disclosable pecuniary interest in Item 5 as the Treasurer of Cambourne Youth Partnership.

4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The chairman reminded the committee of the forth coming events:

- The Christmas Market on 30th November 2019 at The Hub

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- The Repair Café on the 7th December 2019 at The Hub, times and further information is on our website and Facebook.

5. CYP

The report had been received and circulated for information. Nigel Taylor, the Chairman for Cambourne Youth Partnership, was in attendance and talked through the report.

Nigel thanked the Council for there efforts in trying to obtain funding for the building earlier than the when the s106 funds are due.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

6. CAMBOURNE TO BE WILD.

A presentation was received from Rebecca Neal, Communities & Wildlife Officer from The Wildlife Trust.

Rebecca gave an overview of her role and what activities The Wildlife Trust, plan on holding and carrying out over the next year. A focus on including schools and families in the community was highlighted. An update was given in regard to the Cambourne To Be Wild event, which will be held on 19th – 20th June 2020, following on from this year's event. Feedback and suggestions have been received and next year's event will be bigger and better, with more activities for children and families, but following a slightly different format, with the Friday evening more for adults and the Saturday being family centred, with more activities and no Sunday event.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received

7. LET'S GET MOVING

A presentation was received from Leah Collis, Physical Activity Locality Coordinator, Let's Get Moving Cambridgeshire, from South Cambs District Council.

Leah gave an overview of what Let's Get Moving was about. The focus of the initiative is to encourage and support people to get moving. The initiative will be able to offer support with funding to pay for instructor / group leader training to help progress groups. Some help with equipment and room hire will be available and support to get groups established with a view to being sustainable, but long-term funding is not available. This initiative is for anyone and not aimed at any set age group and Leah is happy to speak to people to offer help and advice.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received

8. REPORT ON FACILITIES

8.1 BURIAL GROUND

There has been one burial since October and the ashes section of the burial ground will soon to opening for a double interment of cremated remains.

It was:

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RESOLVED that the report be received.

8.2 ALLOTMENTS

Most allotment holders returned their renewal letters by the 30th September 2019 and those who did not renew, were sent reminder letters and emails. Those who have not responded will now be sent eviction letters. There are 9 vacant plots at Brace Dein and 2 vacant plots at Crow Hill. All those on the waiting list have been contacted, which has resulted in some of those on the waiting list taking on plots. Those who declined a plot have either requested to wait for half plots, would like to wait for the new year to take one on or did not respond.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

8.3 PLAYGROUNDS, OPEN SPACES, SKATE PARK AND FOOTPATHS

Playgrounds

The roof to the tower at Lower Cambourne Play Area. The boards have arrived and are being cut ready to reinstall.

Skate Park

This is covered by Agenda Item 12.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

8.4 PREMISES

All venues continue to be well used by the community for regular bookings and private functions.

The Sports Pavilion has dried out after the flooding and hirers are able to use the building as before. Repairs works to the ceiling are still to be carried out. The Claims Company has been chased regarding settlement of the claim.

The new blinds in the Hub Main Hall were fitted on the 23rd October 2019 and have been greatly appreciated by hirers.

Contractors have begun repair works at The Blue School and have fixed issues with the toilets between Classrooms 1 and 2 and works on the stairs and ramp at the front of the school began on the November 12th 19. Hirers of the Blue School were informed of the repairs and were told about alternative entrances to use. Next, they will be working on the heating manifolds and servicing the plumbing, heating, Electrical, Fire etc. They were planning to be in a position for a transfer at the end of November this is now likely to be December 2019 or January 2020.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received

8.5 CAMBOURNE SPORTS FACILITIES

A report was received and circulated.

It was:

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RESOLVED that the report be received

8.6 SPORT IN CAMBOURNE

An update was given about the Junior Park run, which is being run by Alison Ainsworth. A meeting is being held on the 21st November 2019 at South Cambs District Council Offices to establish a core group of volunteers and funding. Part of the funding has been obtained and another £1500 will be applied for through the Community Chest Fund.

A working party has been established to consolidate the football clubs in Cambourne. There are currently different clubs. The working Party has held 2 meetings so far and things are progressing well. The FA are involved and a meeting in December will help to for sub groups and formulate a decision in readiness for March 2020.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

8.7 TRAILER PARK

The Trailer Park currently has no vacant plots and there are 4 people on the waiting list.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

9. TOWN PLAN

To consider the action plan relating to Leisure & Amenities Committee.

The Committee went through the relevant parts of the Town Plan in detail at the last meeting. It was agreed that the action plan relating to Leisure & Amenities Committee will be discussed at the next meeting.

It was:

RESOLVED that the Town Plan will be discussed at the next L&A Meeting on 18th February 2020.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

To consider the proposal to create a public bridleway in the parish of Cambourne.

The proposal was discussed, and the Town Clerk confirmed it was the new section that had been constructed and would be added to the definitive map, ensuring that it was properly maintained and cared for by the landowner.

It was:

RESOLVED to receive the correspondence.

11. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

Exclusion of the press and the public.

MOVE: that in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the confidential nature of the remainder of the business, the Press and the Public be excluded from the Meeting.

12. SKATE PARK

To consider a report from the Town Clerk on progress with replacing the Skate Park

equipment.

Consideration was given by the committee to the proposals.

It was:

RESOLVED to receive the proposal and to take the required actions.

13. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

Re-admittance of the press and the public.

MOVE: that the confidential business having been concluded, the Press and Public be re-admitted to the meeting.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 18th February 2020

The meeting closed at 20:50

Cambourne Youth Partnership Report to Town Council: November 2019

The report below covers the key points of the ongoing CYP/Romsey Mill programme of activities for 2019-20 along with any relevant future plans. Some of the details provided in the June 2019 report have not been repeated.

Staffing:

Jonathan Buwert (lead development worker): 2.5 days per week in Cambourne clubs and activities, including time spent running training courses for Romsey Mill at Cambourne Soul, in which Cambourne young leaders and volunteers are involved. (Two new local volunteers have started in autumn term.)

Justin Lewis: 3 days per week, leading on Monday club (Years 9-11), music sessions (Thursday/Friday) and Boxing (Thursday).

Emma Slater: increase to 3 days per week, leading on two clubs on Wednesday (Year 7 & Year 11+) and Friday (Years 8-9).

Justin and Emma are also doing regular detached work and becoming more well-known to young people in Cambourne. All three youth workers are involved in one-to-one meetings with young people at various times.

Summer programme: staff and volunteers continued to run a weekly open access club at the Soul Building throughout the summer, as well as organising some trips out. In addition, a number of young people attended a residential.

Soccer: Friday soccer continues with Neil Thompson (trustee) and a volunteer; there is discussion about starting a girls' soccer group to be led by Justin Lewis and a volunteer (possibly also Friday) - Justin is undertaking an FA coaching training course.

Wysing Arts: plan to start monthly arts group on a Saturday, with approx. capacity for two groups of 12, supported by Len Thornton (trustee) and a volunteer, with Wysing Arts providing materials and expertise. The aim would be to create a defined end product at each session.

Music: further investment has been made in the equipment in the music recording studio in order to improve opportunities for young people to create and record music.

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Co-op Community Fund: application to this grant fund has been successful; if people register CYP as their chosen charity, 1% of cost of Co-op products will go to CYP.

Networking: Jonathan remains in contact with the police and the local 'early help team' to try and coordinate support for young people in Cambourne area.

Cambourne Village College links: Jonathan continues some 1:1 work in school; he has been asked to work with some Year 7&8 pupils who are now also attending Soul clubs. Jonathan is also liaising with former police sergeant Phil Priestley (currently also being employed by Cambourne VC) to coordinate work with young people more effectively.

Scope and growth of youth work in Cambourne over the last two years

Cambourne Youth Partnership has worked in partnership with the charity Romsey Mill since youth work was established in 2007. Over the last two years Romsey Mill has made a significant extra financial investment in youthwork in Cambourne (alongside the money received from the Town Council and Section 106 developers), leading to a notable expansion in the youth worker hours available, and consequently an increase in the number of clubs and activities, as well as the number of young people who benefit from them.

Alongside this report, you will receive the annual report on youthwork in Cambourne produced by Romsey Mill for the period September 2018 to August 2019. This report gives a comprehensive overview of activities, the number of young people involved and the commitment of both paid staff and volunteers to enable this to happen.

The expansion of youthwork over the last two years can be demonstrated by comparing the figures from this 2018-19 report with those from the period 2016 - 2017. One of the most encouraging developments has been the training of young leaders and volunteers which has enabled us to guarantee the staffing of a wider range of clubs and activities over more evenings in the week.

Key Performance Indicator	2016-17	2018-19
Number of young people involved	125	223
Hours of face-to-face delivery	454	646.5
Number of volunteers supporting sessions	5	10
Number of young people receiving 1:1 support	10	14
Number of youth-led initiatives	0	2
Involvements in CAF/TAFs	1	4
Number of 'transfer support' projects (Year 6 to Year 7)	0	1
Number of residentials	0	1
Number of adventurous activity and extended learning trips	3	10
Number of young people engaged in alternative education sessions	0	10
Direct support of young people into education or training	0	1
Number of young leaders involved in sessions	1	4
Number of indigenous leaders volunteering in sessions	1	5
Number of celebration events	0	3

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Number of community projects	1	2
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Looking ahead:

Recent expansion has been possible owing to Romsey Mill's successful application to the Youth Investment Fund (YIF) for a three year grant to expand youth work. This grant will come to an end in April 2020 and YIF will no longer exist. This means that unless Romsey Mill is able to make successful applications to other grant-making bodies to replace some or all of this income, our income to support youth work in Cambourne will reduce sharply and we will have to curtail our current level of activities.

Up until this point in time, CYP youth work has been financed from the Town Council (£20,000 pa) and from historic Section 106 developer funding (approx. £10,000 pa), but this Section 106 funding will end in April 2020. Over the last two years, Romsey Mill has made a financial contribution which has more than doubled this figure of £30,000. A more detailed budget will be provided to the Town Council in the near future.

How much money can the Town Council commit to youth work in Cambourne in 2020-21 and the following years? Will any Section 106 money from West Cambourne become available for the revenue funding of youth work from April 2020?

We would also be grateful to learn of progress in discussions with the South Cambridgeshire District Council about a loan to enable the building of the new youth centre for which planning permission was gained 18 months ago. The current premises are clearly inadequate for the scale of youthwork now being provided.

Nigel Taylor
Chair of Trustees
November 2019