



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 18th February 2020. Meeting commenced at 7.50pm

Present:

Cllr G Thompson (Chairman)

Cllr A Ahmed

Cllr S Bhattacharya

Cllr A Fisher

Cllr J O'Dwyer

Cllr J Patel

Cllr R Poulton

Cllr D Sharma

Cllr J Simpson

In attendance:

John Vickery-Town Clerk

Heather Nigbur-Day – Deputy Town Clerk

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

1. APOLOGIES

No apologies were received. All Councillors were present.

2. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Leisure and Amenities Meeting LA/M83 held on 19th November 2019.

It was:

RESOLVED that the Minutes for the meeting, held on Tuesday 19th November 2019 (M83) were approved and signed.

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

Cllr G 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.

Cllr J Simpson disclosed a personal non disclosable interest in Item 6.2 as an allotment holder.

4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The chairman made no announcements.

5. CYP

Signed

Date 21st April 2019

A report had been received from Nigel Taylor and was circulated for information.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

6. REPORT ON FACILITIES

6.1 BURIAL GROUND

There has been one burial and a double interment of cremated remains since November 2019.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

6.2 ALLOTMENTS

There are 3 vacant plots at Brace Dein and 2 vacant plots at Crow Hill. All those on the waiting list have been contacted, which have 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 or did not respond. Allotment inspections are due to start again in March.

Cllr Simpson expressed interest in attending the inspections to gain understanding of the process. Cllr Simpson will be invited to the Brace Dein inspections.

The Turbine transfer is ongoing, the Town Clerk has been in correspondence with the Solicitors and this will hopefully be transferred to the Council in due course.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

6.3 PLAYGROUNDS, OPEN SPACES, SKATE PARK AND FOOTPATHS

Playgrounds

The roof to the tower at Lower Cambourne Playground has now been fully restored and has been opened for use again. The tyre swings have been refurbished and two new swings have been ordered and awaiting delivery.

RoSPA has confirmed that they will carry out their inspections of all play areas in April 2020.

A query was raised regarding the potholes in the footpath at the play area near to the Pre School. These will be redressed once the footpath has dried out.

Skate Park

The Community Development Officer is currently awaiting the letters of support to send with the grant application. These letters helped with the initial successful application for skate park funding. Once received, the grant application will be submitted.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

6.4 PREMISES

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

The remedial work on the Sports Pavilion is being carried having received the insurance payment with all the works being completed by the end of March. The work is being carried out as to not interfere with regular bookings, hence the delay in completing the works.

One of the large blinds in the Hub Main Hall had issues with the stop start system and the blind that covers the door in the New Cricket Pavilion has been pulled off. Highline Blinds have been contacted and the issues are being resolved.

The damaged handrail and decking at The Lower Cambourne Cricket Pavilion is being removed to be replaced by new decking with safety grips ready for the new cricket season.

Remedial works on the heating have commenced at the Blue School. This should be completed by the end of February. After this all the repairs to the Blue School should be completed subject to a final inspection ready for the transfer of the building.

The Town Clerk met with Phil Priestly and Sue Loaker, Crime Reduction Office, Cambridgeshire Constabulary to carry out a security survey on the building as a result of recent incidents.

The Town Clerk gave a verbal report regarding an incident that took place on Friday 14th February 2020, at the Sports Pavilion, which involved many Police units attending the area. The damage waiver has been withheld and the cost of the time to carry out the cleaning will be charged. The Clerk wished to thank Jessica Lydon and Ellie Lydon for coming in on the Saturday to help clean up to prevent any bookings from being cancelled.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

6.5 CAMBOURNE SPORTS FACILITIES

A report was received and circulated.

The figures of the report were discussed. Some clarification is required. Councillors would like to see comparative figures in order to determine trends.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received, and that the Chairman and the Town Clerk meet with Everyone Active's General Manager to discuss the report and other ongoing issues.

6.6 BOWLS CLUB

A report was received from Robin Bailey and circulated.

It was:
RESOLVED that the report be received.

6.7 SPORT IN CAMBOURNE

The Junior Park Run route has been discussed and will be confirmed. The preferred route takes the participants onto what will be Wildlife Trust Land, so the District Council are following up with them. Funding has now been obtained, along with the required number of core volunteers. The run is provisionally set to start in May 2020.

It was:
RESOLVED that the report be received.

6.8 TRAILER PARK

The Trailer Park currently has one vacant plot and there are 4 people on the waiting list. Steps are being taken to fill the vacant plot.

It was:
RESOLVED that the report be received.

7. TOWN PLAN

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

The Committee looked through the L&A actions in detail, and the necessary updates will be applied.

It was:
RESOLVED that the Town Plan be updated, and the necessary actions carried out.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence had been received.

9. 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.

10. EQUIPMENT

To consider a report from the Town Clerk.

It was:
RESOLVED to receive the proposal and to take the required actions.

11. 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.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 21st April 2020

The meeting closed at 20:35

