



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 21st November 2023. Meeting commenced at 19:20

Present:

Cllr G Thompson (Chairman)
Cllr S Bhattacharya

Cllr J Patel
Cllr R Poulton

In attendance: John Vickery-Town Clerk

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

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr S Achall, Cllr A Fisher and Cllr J O'Dwyer. Acceptable reasons for absence were given.

It was:

RESOLVED to accept the apologies from Cllr S Achall, Cllr A Fisher and Cllr J O'Dwyer.

2. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Leisure and Amenities Meeting LA/M95 held on Tuesday 19th September 2023.

It was:

RESOLVED that the Minutes for the meeting, held on Tuesday 19th September (M95) were approved and signed.

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

Cllr J Patel declared an interest in Item 5 on the agenda as a trustee of Cambourne Youth Partnership.

The Town Clerk gave Cllr J Patel a dispensation so item 5 could proceed as it was only to receive the report and had no financial implications.

4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman had no announcements.

Cllr S Bhattacharya joined the meeting during the following item.

5. CAMBOURNE YOUTH PARTNERSHIP

Cambourne Youth Partnership (CYP) submitted a report. (Copy attached)

Emma Whitbread was in attendance for the meeting and presented the report on activities since the previous report and answered some questions of clarification.

The chair thanked Emma Whitbread for the report.

It was:

RESOLVED to receive the report.

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6. REPORT ON FACILITIES
An update on Facilities in Cambourne since 19th September 2023

6.1 BURIAL GROUND (Cambourne Cemetery)

There has been an interment since the last report.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

6.2 ALLOTMENTS

The allotment renewals were due on the 1st September we are currently in the process of issuing a holding email while we sort this out.

The intention is to inspect all allotments and send out renewal forms to those being cultivated. The plots not being cultivated will receive a letter regarding not renewing as they are not maintaining their allotment. This should enable us to clear a number of plots and offer them to those on the waiting list.

This should be done as soon as possible staff permitting.

The Finance and Premises Officer is attending an Allotment course on the 23rd November 2023 run by CAPALC

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

6.3 PLAYGROUNDS, OPEN SPACES, SKATE PARK AND FOOTPATHS

Playgrounds

- Work is continuing on the replacement equipment in Great Cambourne Play area. The opportunity to review all the play areas and the trim trail to get a package together for grant submission. The two work experience pupils from Cambourne Village College did a lot of work on this and have collated information that is being priced. We will then hold a consultation with the users to support the grant application. This has been held up due to shortage of staff.

Open Spaces

- The hedge cutting has continued around Cambourne and will take some time to complete.
- Grass cutting and strimming continues.

Skate Park

The Skate Park continues to be well used.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received and the grass cutting policy to be completed ready for the spring.

6.4 PREMISES & FACILITIES

The premises continue to be well used by regular and private hirers.

The Town Clerk and Finance and Premises Officer attended a Webinar regarding the implementation of Martyn's Law which was announced in the Kings Speech to Parliament. The new legislation will have an impact on buildings with a capacity of 100+ and open-air events with an attendance of more than 800+ people with a requirement to carry out anti-terrorism risk assessments and report any activities to a regulator (who the regulator will be, has not been decided). There will also be a requirement for Staff and Councillors to be trained to understand the implications of Martyn's Law. Council officers are reviewing the available documents so we can start planning for the act becoming law. The aim is for the legislation to be enacted mid to late 2024.

The Sports Pavilion:

The Dugout continues to be well supported.

Cricket Pavilions

The cricket club is coming to the end of their season, so the pavilion is starting to be used by private parties at the weekends in addition to the regular hirers.

- The planters outside the Cricket Pavilions and Bowls Pavilion have been replanted with new plants for the winter.
- A planning application has been submitted to SCDC for the Pergola by the Cricket Club.

Blue Space

Work is ongoing on a plan for upgrading the building due to its age and usage.

Soul Building

The installation of the snack bar has been completed and has been well received.

Sports Facilities

- Original tennis/netball courts (MUGA) as previously reported the courts need resurfacing.
- A further meeting will be held with the Netball and Tennis clubs so we can work together on the applications for grant funding to assist with the resurfacing.
- As part of the budget work the council's element of the funding is being built in and will be finally considered at the January Council meeting when the Town Council sets the precept.
- The tennis court by the Dentist will also need some TLC next year.
- The grounds team carried out the close of season works on the Cricket Wicket and Bowls Green.

The sports pitches have been standing up well to the large number of games being played on them. This is a credit to the work of the grounds team especially Kevin Taylor who looks after them.

It was:

RESOLVED that the reports be received.

6.5 CAMBOURNE SPORTS FACILITIES

No report was received.

Simon Clasby, Manager at Cambourne Fitness and Sports Centre or a representative should be invited to the next meeting.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

6.6 TRAILER PARK

The Trailer Park currently full, with the renewals due in March 2024.

It was:

RESOLVED that the report be received.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 South Cambs District Council

Six Free Trees 2023 – Request your trees now!

Dear parish councillors,

We are excited to once again be offering Six Free Trees (or one larger potted tree) to all parish councils in South Cambridgeshire, in partnership with English Woodlands. If

you have a suitable site and can commit to planting and upkeep, express your interest [here](#) and we'll get in touch to arrange your order. All trees must be ordered by 22 December 2023.

This is a great opportunity to increase tree cover, promote biodiversity and provide new habitats in your area – not to mention the carbon sequestration benefits of trees! There are a selection of native varieties to choose from including silver birch, wild cherry and English oak.

We hope your parish council will take advantage of the scheme.

Kind Regards,
Orla Gibbons | Project Officer - Climate and Environment
She/Her

It was
RESOLVED to receive the correspondence and agree to apply for the Six Free Trees.

7.2 **Gumbles Amusements Children's event**

I hope you are well.

I am looking to host a childrens event on one of your open spaces next year in 2024. I just spoke to someone on the phone and they asked me to send an email.

We trade under the name Gumbles Amusements. We have a fair following online, with 11k likes on Facebook, and families with children love our events because of the great value they are. Children can play unlimited on all of our attractions for 3 hour sessions for just £11. Entry for adults is £1. We have on site food vans and a game stall that are all fairly priced.

You can see in a bit more detail more of what we do on our website
www.gumblesamusements.co.uk

We would need to access the site a few days prior to the event opening to get everything set up. We would be off the site by 7pm the day after the last day we are open to the public. We hire in our own toilet facilities, and we also pick our litter and remove it off each site we visit.

Please let me know your thoughts and if you have any questions. If you would be happy to have us I could propose some dates.

Kind regards,

Bradley

It was
RESOLVED to decline the request as we already had the Fun Fair and Circus booked.

7.3 **John Lawson's Circus** Good Morning.

We are now planning our tour for 2024 and we would like to try and arrange a visit to Cambourne towards the end of the summer.

We look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Regards

Signed

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John Lawson

In 2023 they booked the week of the August Bank Holiday, it is understood they want the same week in 2024.

It was:

RESOLVED to receive the correspondence and agree the date.

10. 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.

11. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

There was no update from the Town Clerk.

It is:

RESOLVED to receive the reports and take the agreed actions.

13. MUGA

To consider a report from the Town Clerk.

It is

RESOLVED to receive the report and agree the actions

14. 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.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 21st November 2023

The meeting closed at 20:03

Report on Cambourne Youth Partnership's Activities for Cambourne Town Council Leisure & Amenities Committee September and October 2023

Monthly Headlines 2023

September

26 sessions provided throughout the month.
We engaged with 240 Young people.
21 new young people attending.
10 Volunteers supporting our work.

October

31 sessions provided throughout the month.
We engaged with 319 young people.
9 new young people attending our sessions.
11 volunteers.

Staffing and Volunteers

Linda Homan has been appointed as Lead Development Youth Worker to replace Jonathan Buwert. Linda is part-time and teaches social work at Anglia Ruskin University. In the past Linda has managed Soham and Bottisham Locality Youth Service as well as being maternity cover for the Locality Youth Manager in Cambourne in 2008, and so has a vast range of experience.

Highlights

Year 9 – Sixth Form session

We have merged some of our groups to create a larger group for our older young people. This has allowed us to develop a supportive environment for young people and provide a setting where the older young people are providing positive role models for the younger ones. The group aims are to build positive relationships with young people and provide a safe space to meet the needs of young people. There is a focus on life and employment skills as our Year 11s have the opportunity to take part in NCS (National Citizenship Service) as part of this group, which allows them to learn key life skills, give back to their local community through and prepare for the world of work.

Year 7

It's been really nice to meet all the new Year 7s for the after school drop-in youth sessions. Having started off with a small group in September, numbers have doubled each week until had 60 Year 7s coming along each week.

Having so many young people was amazing, but quality interactions were hindered, and so we have split the group, with one being on Tuesdays and one being on Wednesday. This has allowed us to get to know them better and offer support to those who have found the start to secondary school tricky. They have enjoyed the activities on offer at the Soul such as making things in the arts and crafts room and cooking and baking in the kitchen. Food is always provided- pasta and cheese and ham toasties. Achieving positive peer and adult relationships, making crafts, games, activities and sports (soft football, table tennis, dodgeball).

Wellbeing Cafe:

The cafe has continued to be popular with the Young people. Clare Cronin, the children and youth minister at Cambourne Church has joined us to run the group as part of our partnership with Cambourne Church for the Wellbeing Cafe. This has enabled us to gain more volunteers and

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support for the wellbeing cafe. Young people are enabled to have a safe space to come and meet with others to support their emotional well being. There have been targeted sessions for anxiety and worry and we have had help from a dance and movement psychotherapist. Joint funding from Transforming minds has enabled this group to flourish.

Boxing:

The boxing group has continued to run this term and continues to have a mental health and wellbeing focus. The youth workers have seen a visible difference in the confidence of many of the young people, and this has been evidenced not just in the boxing group but outside of it as well. Numbers have been slightly smaller this term than previously but this has been due to things like illness and school workload.

October Half Term Activities

Film Night –

25 young people joined the youth team for a viewing of Hocus Pocus 2, they enjoyed snacks, and being able to meet with friends at our own Soul Cinema. This was a good time of building relationships and helped provide a safe space outside of the home.

Autumn themed baking sessions -

We had two baking sessions during half-term. Young people loved making Apple Crumble Cakes, Halloween themed cupcakes and Spiced gingerbread biscuits which they then decorated. It was well attended by 15 young people and we had positive feedback from their families who enjoyed eating the things they had made. Sessions such as these enable life skills of cooking, diet and nutrition awareness, build confidence and enable positive adult and peer interactions.

Trip to Gauntlet Auto Project -

We took five boys from our late evening Friday Night group to the Gauntlet Auto Project in Ramsey. There they were able to ride mopeds and quadbikes on off road tracks. There was a lot of competition in who could go fastest but they all did a fantastic job although came home very muddy! Many of these boys are interested in riding and wanting to learn more about mechanics so we hope we can continue to support them in this.

Volunteers

We continue to be grateful to the many volunteers who support our youth work sessions. One of the key benefits of having close links with Romsey Mill has been the valuable volunteer recruitment, training and support to grow and develop volunteers. An example of this is young people who train as young leaders and some have moved on to volunteering and some to paid sessional youth work.



Photos from the half-term activities

We are grateful to Cambourne Town Council for the support they give to Cambourne Youth Partnership that enables this work to happen.