

Amenities, Leisure and Community Services
Thursday 14th June 2018
Sutton Coldfield Town Hall

Present:

Cllrs Ashley-Higgins, Ellis, Griffin, Mosson, Passey, Pears and K Ward.

In Attendance:

Olive O'Sullivan – Town Clerk, Becki Leonard - Assistant Town Clerk and James Peppiatt – Student Placement.

Public Gallery: There were 2 members of the public present and no press representation.

Public Questions:

No questions were raised.

1 Election of Chairman.

Resolved that Councillor Pears be elected Chairman of Amenities, Leisure and Community Services Committee until such a time as a new Chairman is elected.

2 Election of Vice Chairman.

Resolved that Councillor Passey be elected Vice Chairman of Amenities, Leisure and Community Services Committee until such a time as a new Vice Chairman is elected.

3 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies had been received from Cllr Cummins.

Resolved to note the apologies.

4 Declarations of Interest.

No declarations of interest raised.

5 Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of Amenities, Leisure and Community Services held on Tuesday 13th March (previously circulated) be signed as a true record of the meeting.

6 Matters Arising.

The Town Clerk advised Committee of new information received on previous grant applications. The application for ParkRun was previously rejected by Committee on the grounds that the applicant was a profit making organisation. It has been confirmed that any funds raised would be reinvested in the project. The applicants has now raised the funds for set up costs for ParkRun in Sutton Park but

an additional £1,000 would however enable the purchase of signage, a marquee, storage boxes, loud speaker and other equipment to make the event run smoothly.

Resolved to approve the funding of £1,000 from the Town Council's sport engagement budget.

The Town Clerk also provided an update to Committee on the status of Boldmere St Michael's Football and Athletic Club Ltd. The club has since confirmed they are Community Amateur Sports Club. This means any profit must be reinvested in the club, therefore the club would be eligible for grant funding.

Resolved to note the matters arising.

It was agreed that items 10 and 11 were moved forward to the beginning of the agenda.

10 Town Gate Destination Play Area.

Bob Churn of The Landscape Practice Group (LPG) of Birmingham City Council provided a verbal update on the status of the Town Gate Play area improvements and design work.

Subject to approval of the proposed scheme LPG is looking to deliver **Phase 1** of the project this financial year – which consists of expanding the existing site and including the existing stream to create a water play feature. The proposed scheme will be available mid/end of July. Implementation would take place in Dec/Jan with completion by the end of March 2019.

Consultation with stakeholders has already commenced.

Phase 2 and 3 to commence from April 2019. These phases could include suggestions like; 7-8m tube slides, pools and bridges and natural play in the form of grass mounds and boulders.

Bob Churn advised that a Splash area would be a big undertaking and would have to tie in with the commercial opportunities Birmingham City Council's Parks team is exploring. This would possibly be the final phase of the project.

Consultation with residents is part of the project plan at an early stage prior to any design being created.

11 Withy Hill Recreation Ground.

The Assistant Town Clerk reported to Committee on the results on the consultation exercise carried out on the proposals for Withy Hill Recreation Ground. The majority of residents who responded were not in favour of the proposals therefore they will not be progressed.

Resolved to approve that LPG draw up a new proposal that will focus on play equipment for young children.

7 Community Grant Fund.

Committee received a report on the proposed new grant scheme.

Resolved to recommend the scheme to Full Council for approval.

8 Community Grant Applications Outstanding 2017/18.

This item was discussed under Matters Arising.

9 Sutton Coldfield in Bloom update.

Resolved to note the update report on Sutton Coldfield in Bloom.

12 Update Social Inclusion Report.

The Town Clerk advised that the work Alison Seabrooke had been commissioned to do to inform the development of the Town Council's strategy and approach to Community Development in relation to Social Inclusion is progressing. Alison Seabrooke has met with local charitable, voluntary and community organisations as well as statutory providers. A report will be provided to a future meeting.

Resolved to note the update on Social Inclusion.

13 Falcon Lodge Community Plan

Committee received a draft of the Falcon Lodge Community Plan prepared by Compass Support. Consultation on the draft plan will be carried out with residents and local stakeholders and the final plan will be submitted to Council for their endorsement.

14 Performance update

Resolved to note the report detailing performance to date against objectives.

The next Amenities, Leisure & Community Service Committee meeting has been scheduled for Thursday 5th July 2018 at the Town Hall.

Meeting Closed 20:15pm

Signed as a correct record

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