

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE
HELD ON TUESDAY 10 MARCH, 2015 at 6.30pm
AT COMMUNITY HOUSE, ANZAC ROOM**

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| Committee Members | Councillors: | Mrs E Russell (Chair) Ms. J. Harrison-Hicks Mrs. H. Livings Mrs. E. Merry J Harris | Mrs. R. Coles Ms. C. Terry A. Smith |
| Present | Councillors: | Mrs E Russell (Chair) Ms. J. Harrison-Hicks J Livings Mrs. H. Livings Mrs. E. Merry | |

In Attendance: Angela Read - Assistant Town Clerk (Leisure and Amenities)

LA357 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

A resident of West Ward asked the Committee to clarify what area would be defined for hire within Centenary Park as part of Agenda item 11, which is to agree a Hire Pricing Structure for the Multi Use Sports Courts and Centenary Park, Peacehaven.

The Assistant Town Clerk explained that the proposed hire pricing structure for Centenary Park would apply to the open space areas, beyond the Café site. The Council had already been approached by some non-commercial organisations who may wish to run cycling and walking based events or even weddings etc. Cllr Mrs R Coles suggested that the types of events at the site should be restricted. Full terms and conditions of use policy, detailing all restrictions, will be prepared and consultation will be made with Lewes District Council regarding current planning permission on the site or whether a further planning application for public events would be required.

A resident of North Ward asked why there was no parking on verges and pavements signs off Glynn Road, as other roads now have these in the area.

Cllr J Livings explained that the Atkinson Report had requested such signage on school routes, however there was a local objection where the resident lived and suggested that the residents in the area contact the Town Manager with a street map marked of the further areas requested to be included in the restrictions.

A resident of North Ward asked why the prices being charged at the newly opened Gateway Café (Molly's) at Centenary Park were so high.

It was explained that the prices were aligned to those already charged at the other Café sites run by the same proprietor and this was the agreement.

LA358 TO CONSIDER APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The following apologies were **NOTED**

Cllr J Livings substituted for Ms C Terry
Cllr A Smith was in London
Cllr J Harris was at a Crimestoppers meeting

LA359 TO APPROVE & SIGN THE NON CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 13 JANUARY 2015

The Non Confidential Minutes of the meeting held on **13 JANUARY 2015** were **AGREED** and signed by the Chair as a true record.

Matters arising:

Cllr Mrs H Livings requested that the first line stated within section LA346 Big Park Project Update of the minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2015 be amended to read:

Cllr Mrs H Livings asked who gave permission for the old skate park equipment to be given away.

LA360 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's Announcements.

LA361 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

There were no declarations of interest received.

LA362 CENTENARY PARK PROJECT UPDATE

The report was **NOTED**.

Chair Mrs E Russell and all Cllrs present confirmed that the Big Park opening was a really good day with approximately 5000-6000 visitors and well done to everyone who was involved.

Cllr Mrs R Coles raised a concern that individuals had been seen riding mini motorbikes onto the site. There was also one toilet not working and a report that there were no locks on the outside toilets. On behalf of the Mayor, Cllr R Coles shared the detailed on a complaint which had been received from a lady with a disability, who was refused permission to use the internal disabled toilet within Molly's Café.

Assistant Town Clerk to investigate access restriction options to prevent unauthorised activity on the site of the Big Park and has shared the details of the complaint personally with Sara Rogers, the proprietor of Molly's Café.

Cllr J Livings asked whether the power problems at the site were being addressed.

Town Manager explained that a new power cable installation was required for the Café, which was initially thought to not be necessary; however the current supply is proving insufficient. Chris Bibb, Project Manager at Lewes District Council has confirmed that the new cable installation would run along the fence line, to keep disruption to any new surface to a minimum.

LA363 BUDGET UPDATE

The report was **NOTED**.

The current trend is that the Leisure and Amenities budget should be in positive at the end of the financial year.

LA364 FOOTBALL CLUB UPDATE

The report was **NOTED**.

The Football club is now being led by a new Chairman, Brian Suckling.

The Town Manager has received a further letter from them today in response to our previous letter, in which they have now offered to pay £60.00 per week off their outstanding debt to Peacehaven Town Council.

Cllr Mrs H Livings requested that an Extraordinary Policy and Finance Committee meeting needed to be arranged to review their recent proposal, as the next scheduled meeting is not until 21 April 2015. The Extraordinary meeting has now being scheduled for Tuesday 17 March 2015 at 6pm.

The Town Manager has considered what would be the best outcome for the town and concluded that he would not wish to close them down, but mindful that Council Tax payer's money is involved. The Football Club's recent payment of £1,829.92 had been cleared by their Bank.

There are now further controls in place regarding any additional work which is requested to be completed by the Football Club, before any of this type of work is completed. They are required to send a letter to Peacehaven Town Council to make a formal request for this work and then a fixed quotation will be provided to them for their formal approval.

Cllr Mrs R Coles was unhappy and disappointed about recent comments which were made by the Football Club about the Council, considering that the Council has bent over backwards to support them and questioned whether the Club could maintain their proposed payment amount of £60.00 per week during the summer months. The Football Club had previously advised the Council that they would extend the opening hours of the social club and open this up to general members of the public.

Cllr J Livings explained that if the Council forecloses, we would be unlikely to receive any of the outstanding monies owed and if we litigate we would get nothing and may have further costs incurred.

Chair Mrs E Russell asked if they were undertaking any additional fundraising activity to support the repayment of their debt, other than for the sponsor a seat in the new stand.

The Town Manager confirmed that the Big Park project paid for the new fence at a cost of £7,000 to prevent people from being able to see into the ground without paying for tickets for each match. He also wanted noted that the foundations were down ready for the new stand.

LA365 RE-SURFACING OF THE MULTI USE GAMES AREA UPDATE

The report was **NOTED**.

Cllr John Livings asked whether we already had the Section 106 monies from the Arundel Road development or will we receive this in time to pay the invoice for the work when completed.

LA366 TOWN ENHANCEMENT WORKING PARTY UPDATE

The report was **NOTED**.

Cllr Mrs R Coles raised a concern as to how the Petanque play equipment could be made available to anyone wishing to hire it at the weekend when we are closed. Therefore would a self-service storage facility be appropriate on site.

Cllr Mrs E Merry did approach the Crown Carvery, as they are situated next door to Howards Peace Park, but unfortunately they were not willing to support with this.

LA367 HIRE PRICING STRUCTURE FOR NEW SPORTS COURTS AND CENTENARY PARK UPDATE

The report was **AGREED**.

All Councillors present agreed to the hire pricing structure for the new sports courts and Centenary Park.

Cllr J Livings asked how this hire pricing structure would affect the football pitches there.

The Assistant Town Clerk confirmed that the current hire pricing structure would remain unchanged and confirmed that the hire pricing structure was apply to the open space areas, beyond the Café site. The Council had already been approached by some non-commercial organisations who may wish to run cycling and walking based events or even weddings etc.

Cllr Mrs R Coles suggested that the types of events should be restricted that could use the site. Full terms and conditions of use policy detailing all restrictions will be prepared and consultation will be made with Lewes District Council regarding current planning permission on the site or whether a further planning application for public events would be required.

Cllr J Livings considered the hire pricing structure as very reasonable and advised that a cycling organisation were already interested in hiring Centenary Park.

LA368 PROJECT UPDATE

The report was **NOTED**.

Centenary Park (Big Park) is now open to the public

Wild Flower Project A259 close to Chene Road, Peacehaven has been completed

The Contractor for the Community House kitchen shutters had again been contacted and a formal request had been made for the return of the already paid deposit and the work order cancelled. The Town Manager is seeking an alternative Contractor to complete this work.

The Dishwasher for the Anzac room at Community House has been ordered from QDA in Peacehaven.

The remaining equipment for the Green Gym will be ordered in April 2015.

The improvements to the egress from the Dell to improve the access surface has been completed and the questionnaire feedback will be collated and submitted to Lewes District Council to support the re-siting of the Zip Line being covered by Section 106 monies.

LA369 TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Leisure & Amenities Committee would be on Tuesday, 28 APRIL 2015 at 6.30pm.

In accordance with Standing Order No. 24 and the Public Bodies (admission to Meetings) Act 1960, Section 1 and in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the public and press were excluded from the discussion of the following items.

LA370 TO APPROVE & SIGN THE CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 13 JANUARY 2015

The Confidential Minutes of the meeting held on 13 JANUARY 2015 were AGREED and signed by the Chair as a true record.

Cllr J Livings proposed
Cllr Mrs H Livings seconded
All in favour

THE MEETING ENDED AT 7.25pm

SIGNED BY THE CHAIR:

DATED