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Minutes of the meeting of the Leisure, Amenities & Environment Committee held in Community House, Meridian Centre at 7.30pm on Tuesday 21st January 2020

Present Cllr. Job Harris (Vice Chair of Council), Cllr S Griffiths (Chair of Committee), Cllr E Simmons (Vice Chair), Cllr L Mills, Cllr D Seabrook, Cllr G Hill, Cllr C Gallagher, Cllr I Sharkey, Cllr D Paul, Cllr L Symonds,

Officers Kevin Bray Parks Officer, Victoria Onis Admin,

Four members of the public were present

1 LA 382 CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENT

Cllr Griffiths read out the housekeeping and safety notices and updated the Committee and Public on upcoming events and gave an update on the SDNP and Greenhavens lottery bid

- 25th January table top sale in the main hall, this is a car boot type event where the public can bring in items to sell the cost is £6.00 for a table.
- 31st January is Quiz night at 7pm for a 7.30 start bring you own snacks and drink, call the information office to book in a team (max 8 people in a team)
- 8th Feb tree planting at the Orchard from 10am until 4pm - Tree planting was that we would be planting 1 more Sussex Apple, 2 damsons & 2 pear
- Update on SDNP and Greenhaven's lottery bid - On the 18th of December the Town clerk, Parks Officer and myself met with Emma Allen, the Statutory Funding Officer of the South Downs National Park Authority, to hear about the Ouse Valley and Lewes Climate Action bid to the National Lottery. Some of this bid, if successful will be going towards the reduction of Peacehaven's carbon footprint.

2 LA 383 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A member of the public expressed support of the Wildflower CIL Bid & water fountain (item 10 on the Agenda) and pointed out that the dog fouling problem is worse than ever at the Big Park.

A member of the public spoke of concerns at the Skate Park, the lack of lighting is attracting antisocial behavior after dark, vandalism to the Skate Park & mopeds causing disturbance to residents and deterring residents walking through the park after dark, the lack of lighting in the winter months stops the Skate Park being used after school & early evening and leaves the young adults with no after school activities.

Cllr Gallagher responded to the Public Questions due to her work as Chair of the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group, as she has been looking at Green spaces, dog fouling concern & the local Youth issues.

The low level lighting is something that can be looked at as Cllr Gallagher has been involved in improvements at Saltdeans MUGA recently and skate park, they were able to get lighting into it as the darkness prevented the facilities being used after dark & the lights go off at a certain time, so this is something that can be looked at.

Cllr Gallagher & Cllr Paul visited Peacehaven Community School today and spoke to the Head teacher to find out what facilities the students in the school would like in the Town & how the Council and Community & students can work together to get facilities that will help the young adults. Cllr Gallagher confirmed that PTC & TTC have an agreement to put in the funding for another day at the Joff with youth workers so can make a start on creating more activities for the local youth.

3 LA 384 TO CONSIDER APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & SUBSTITUTIONS

All members were present

4 LA 385 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

There were no declarations of interests.

Cllr Gallagher asked whether the chairman had a conflict of interest regarding item 10. The Chairman stated that she was simply the author of the report and had no direct financial or others interests in this matter.

5 LA 386 TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 5th NOVEMBER 2020

Cllr Simmons noted that she attended the previous meeting but not showing as present. This has now been corrected.

It was resolved to adopt the minutes as a true record.

6 LA 387 UPDATE ON THIS YEARS INCOME/EXPENDITURE REPORT

The report was noted and discussed.

7 LA388 TO DISCUSS THE TREE SURVEY REPORT

The Parks Officer informed Councillors that work wouldn't be carried out if there are nesting birds, unless the survey found out that the situation is dangerous to the public.

It was proposed that two more quotes for this work are obtained.

LA 388 Cont.

Proposed Cllr Gallagher

Seconded Cllr Hill

All in favour

8 LA389 TO DISCUSS A NEW BANNER BOARD IN THE DELL REPORT

It was agreed that the current banner board distracts from the beauty of The Dell and its surroundings.

It was suggested that an additional board would make this problem worse and could be a distraction for drivers at the roundabout. However, Councilors are aware that we need to advertise and bring in an income so it was resolved to leave the existing board where it is for now as bookings have been taken at least until the end of the year. It was resolved not to have a second board on The Dell but to look for other suitable locations.

Proposed Cllr Gallagher

Seconded Cllr Seabrook

All Councillors voted in favour

9 LA390 TO DISCUSS THE DELL CIL BID REPORT

It was agreed to extend the area already agreed to be seeded with wild flowers.

Proposed Cllr Sharkey

Seconded Cllr Simmons

Agreed by the majority, Cllr Gallagher against

It was agreed to have a volunteer wild flower planting scheme on the small bank between the path and the play area.

Proposed Cllr Gallagher

Seconded Cllr Symonds

All in Favour

It was agreed to obtain more quotes for the water station as part of a CIL bid and refer the matter to the Policy & Finance Committee.

Proposed Cllr Sharkey

Cont LA 390

Seconded Cllr Symonds

All in favour

It was proposed to install an interpretation board near the brown area at The Dell as part of a CIL Bid.

Proposed Cllr Mills

Seconded Cllr Hill

All in favour

The installation of a community notice board was also discussed and not progressed at this point. The potential for littering was also discussed.

10 LA391 TO DISCUSS THE DELL HERITAGE BOARD REPORT

It was agreed to include a Heritage Board in the CIL bid for The Dell; this will be reviewed by the signage working party

Proposed Cllr Symonds

Seconded Cllr Seabrook

All in favour

Cllr Seabrook pointed out that, as set out in Standing Orders, Councillors should only speak once on a motion unless it is to reply to a question and that if the original motion has been amended, they can make a personal reply or raise a point of order

11 LA392 TO REVIEW ALLOTMENT BONFIRES REPORT

It was agreed to continue to ban Bonfires on the Council allotments

Proposed Cllr Seabrook

Seconded Cllr Gallagher

All in favour

Alternatives to bonfire were discussed.

12 LA393 TO NOTE SKATE PARK IMPROVEMENT SUGGESTIONS REPORT

The report was discussed and noted. Unfortunately at this time there is no budget allocated for improvements at the skate park. The lack of light prevents the skate park being used after dark and could also encourage anti-social behaviour; ideas for improvements at the skate park were to have shelters and low level lighting which can be set to go off at programmed times or solar lighting.

13 LA394 TO DISCUSS OPTIONS FOR MUGA COURTS REPORT

Residents are being disturbed with youths breaking into the MUGA court and kicking balls into the neighbouring properties with intimidating behaviour. The Parks Officer updated that the Grounds team are regularly fixing the fence and repairing the netting but it quickly gets vandalised.

It is estimated that to replace the fencing will be at a cost of approx. 15-20k and it will need to be replaced in 2/3 years due to wear & tear. The Parks officer confirmed that the MUGA area is kept locked as it needs to be free for regular hiring and cannot be left open.

It was proposed to monitor the Situation and review in 6 months' time

Proposed Cllr Mills

Seconded Cllr Hill

All in favour

14 LA395 TO DISCUSS THE GATEWAY CAFÉ FORECOURT REPORT

It was agreed to obtain 3 quotes and reconsider the options in the spring once the grass has dried out.

Proposed Cllr Mills

Seconded Cllr Gallagher

All in favour

15 LA396 TO DISCUSS BROADBAND AT THE GATEWAY CAFÉ & CCTV REPORT

It was agreed to install a new faster fibre broadband service at the café solely for the CCTV. The total cost can be claimed back from 106 moneys for the Big Park.

Proposed Cllr Gallagher

Seconded Cllr Hill

All in favour.

16 LA397 CYCLE HUB REPORT

Report noted

17 LA398 TO NOTE GROUND STAFF UPDATE REPORT

Report Noted

18 LA399 TO NOTE PROJECT UPDATE REPORT

It was decided to close the footpath at the entrance to the Big Park and allow the Parks Officer to purchase signs for each end to prevent people using it and to refer this matter to the CIL committee meeting.

Proposed Cllr Gallagher

Seconded Cllr Mills

All in favour

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NOTE: *In accordance with Standing Order 3(d) and the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, Section 1, 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:-*

19 LA400 TO NOTE & DISCUSS FOOTBALL AND CATS CLUB REPORT

The briefing paper was noted and discussed and a way forward was agreed (Option 2 of the report)

Proposed Cllr Paul

Seconded Cllr Gallagher

All in favour

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.55pm

TO CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING AS THE 17th March 2020