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DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of the Leisure, Amenities & Environment Committee held over Zoom on Tuesday 23rd March 2021 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr S Griffiths (Chair of Committee), Cllr E Simmonds (Vice Chair), Cllr L Mills, Cllr D Seabrook, Cllr C Gallagher, Cllr I Sharkey, Cllr G Hill, Cllr L Symonds, Cllr D Paul, Kevin Bray (Parks Officer), Victoria Onis (Admin Officer) Michelle Edser (SPO)

1 LA 534 CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman made the following announcements:-

- Tomorrow, the 17th of March – Brighton Permaculture trust will be coming to plant seven more Sussex Apple trees in the Orchard.
- The Grounds team have rotavated the first area at The Dell in preparation for the Wild Flower seeds.
- The Civic Officer has asked if the Committee would like to participate at 8pm with the “beacon of remembrance” UK National Day of Reflection. The committee agreed to hold a minutes silence.

One minutes silence was held.

2 LA 535 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public questions

19.38 Cllr Symonds joined the meeting.

3 LA 536 TO CONSIDER APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & SUBSTITUTIONS

There were no absences.

4 LA 537 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Cllr Dawn Paul – item LA 547 - as a hirer of the Centenary Park

5 LA 538 TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9TH FEBRUARY 2021

Re. Item LA530 the draft stated ‘professional report’, this should read ‘professional accessibility report

It was resolved to adopt the minutes as amended.

6 LA 539 TO NOTE AND REVIEW THE COMMITTEES BUDGETARY REPORT

The circulated report was received and noted.

7 LA 540 TO DISCUSS AND NOTE THE INTERNAL BUSINESS PLAN REPORT

- Cllr Gallagher noted that the 'Goal and vision' statement is positive and there to remind all.
- Cllr Griffiths reminded Councillors to let the Parks Officer know of any ideas to be considered for the business plan.

8 LA 541 TO NOTE PROJECT UPDATES

The circulated report was received.

The following points were discussed.

- The Parks Officer updated that a few items are still being held up because of covid.
- The SPO Michelle Edser gave update on land registry and would also like it to be noted that the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (DDA95) has now been superseded by Equalities act 2010. So, this now needs to be used instead.

9 LA 542 HOWARD PARK WORKING PARTY UPDATE

The circulated report was received.

- Cllr Seabrook reported that the report is to bring some recommendations to this Committee which are mainly around the Equality Act and Access to Howard Park, we need to make a Cil bid to get this actioned and get permission from Lewes Council and possibly ESCC to go make access across the grass verge.
- Cllr Gallagher requested feedback on the signage and branding. The Parks Officer has requested that the Signage working party meet up before the next L&A Committee meeting, to discuss branding and signage for Town Parks.
- Cil money – The SPO reported there is some section 106 money which has been allocated for accessibility from an old planning application, which may provide some money towards the work in Howard Park. It was agreed that the SPO will investigate this further.

It was resolved to pursue funding and request permissions to make Howard Park accessible for all.

Proposed by Cllr Sharkey and Seconded Cllr Hill

All in Favour

10 LA 543 UNNEIGHBOURLY TREE WORKS

There has been several enquiries regarding trees being unneighbourly ranging from blocked light to over hanging gardens.

Cllr Seabrook shared pictures of some trees concerned.

It was resolved to use Aspen tree care on this occasion, to carry out any small tree works needed

Proposed by Cllr Sharkey and Seconded by Cllr Gallagher

All in Favour.

11 LA 544 GATEWAY CAFÉ PAVED AREA

The circulated reported was noted and discussed.

The SPO reported that as we go into the next financial year there will be another 20k for centenary parks for maintenance and improvements.

It was proposed to follow the recommendations to pave the area, fill in the gaps in the hedges and install a fence to prevent walking through the hedges and litter blowing on to the Park.

It was resolved to refer the matter of funding to the Policy & Finance Committee

Proposed by Cllr Sharkey and Seconded by Cllr Simmonds

All in favour

12 LA 545 TO NOTE GREEN SPACES REPORT

The circulated report was received.

Cllr Gallagher spoke in detail about the Lewes District Open Space Strategy and The Playing Pitch Strategy needs Assessment. These both highlight the deficit of open spaces and diverse sports in the Town. These papers should be considered in any future plans for the Leisure & Amenities.

13 LA 546 TO NOTE TREES WORKS CONTRACT

The Parks Officer's report was received and noted.

14 LA 547 VERBAL UPDATE COVID UPDATE RE SPORTS RESTARTING

- The Parks officer reported that a meeting has been held on reopening the sports areas. It was decided that Football and Netball on muga courts can restart on the 29th March, all other indoor sports will need to wait until 21st June because of the rule of 6; there will be another meeting in May to see how the pandemic is progressing.
- Junior park run can go ahead from the 18th April provided the risk assessment is received. Cllr Paul reported that the run will start with the 4-10 year old's, possibly 20-30 children at a time.
- Cllr Sharkey reported that the Easter egg trail at Centenary Park has had to be cancelled – The Covid team have recommend that this be postponed due to the risk of encouraging a gathering.

15 LA 548 TO NOTE LEATHER JACKETS INFESTATION ON THE BOWLING GREEN

The Park's officer's report was received and noted.

The Parks officer gave an update on the severe infection of the leather jacket grubs on the bowling green and costs involved.

16 LA 549 TO NOTE WORKS UPDATE

The Park's officer's report was received and noted.

17 LA550 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Confirmed as the 4TH May 2021

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.38