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# PEACEHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL

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## **DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of the Leisure, Amenities & Environment Committee held at Community House on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr S Griffiths (Chair of Committee), Cllr Symonds (Vice Chair), Cllr D Seabrook, Cllr W Veck, Cllr R White, Cllr C Cheta, Cllr D Paul, Cllr C Gallagher, Cllr L Duhigg, Cllr J Harris

Officers: Kevin Bray, Parks Officer; Vicky Onis, Admin Officer

### **1 LA 642 CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and covered the housekeeping items and forthcoming events.

- During the storm a couple of trees have been lost, one in Epinay park and one in The Oval.
- 20 trees have been provided by Trees for the Downs and have been planted at the east end of Centenary Park, two silver birch trees have also been planted in the park for the Queens Platinum Jubilee and 25 bare rooted trees donated by Nicola Papanicolaou have been planted by the Head Teacher and students of Peacehaven Community School.
- 13 trees have been planted along the southern water road in partnership with Brighton Permaculture Trust and jointly funded with the urban tree fund.
- A rowan tree has been donated to Epinay Park by a local resident.
- The Community Orchard has also planted 100 trees funded by trees for the Downs and has had two pot grown oak trees donated by residents.
- The public consultation about Epinay Park & The Oval has now gone live on the Council website and hard copies will be delivered in the vicinity of both parks.
- Bingo – The next Bingo session will on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Community house at 2-4pm. CASH prizes & FREE refreshments
- Cinema in the Main Hall, 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 7.30pm, will be showing the film *Westside Story* and again on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.30pm, showing the film *Belfast*
- Wrestling in the Main Hall 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm
- Towards Zero Carbon Peacehaven, the Towns Climate Change Event will be on the 9<sup>th</sup> April.

### **2 LA 643 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no members of the public present

### **3 LA 644 TO CONSIDER APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & SUBSTITUTIONS**

Apologies from Cllr Simmons who was substituted by Cllr Duhigg

**4 LA 645 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Cllr Symonds as an employee of an employer who may have an interest in item LA651 & LA657

**5 LA 646 TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2021**

It was resolved to adopt these minutes as a true record

**6 LA 647 TO NOTE THE BUDGETARY UPDATE**

Cllr Seabrook noted that the electricity and gas for The Hub is 50% over budget. The Parks Officer reported that a rebate should be due for this.

**7 LA 648 TO NOTE THE ACTION PLAN**

The action plan was noted

**8 LA 649 TO DECIDE ON THE PURCHASE OF BATTERY EQUIPMENT**

In order to reach the set targets for PTC to reach net zero CO2 levels it has been decided to swap all hand held grounds team equipment to battery power from petrol

It was Proposed by Cllr Seabrook and Seconded by Cllr Symonds to go with Parks Officers recommendation to choose AMP Services as our supplier, as they have been very proactive in giving us demonstrations and answering questions about the new equipment.

All in favour.

**9 LA 650 TO DECIDE ON AN ORIENTEERING EVENT REQUEST**

The Town Council has been approached by Southdowns Orienteers with a proposal to hold an event for approximately 60 people. The current hirers of the Park on Saturday have negotiated changes to their plans. The Orienteers have also agreed to encourage car sharing and use the car parks on the A259.

It was proposed by Cllr White and Seconded by Cllr Paul to agree to this Event and set the fee as £50 to cover admin.

All in favour.

**10 LA 651 TO DECIDE ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AN OMNIFLOW LIGHT PURCHASE**

The proposed purchase of an Omniflow Unit and pole, powered by solar light, was discussed in detail. It was agreed that further information is needed, i.e high enough to avoid vandalism, stand alone or connected to the grid?

It was agreed by Cllr Seabrook and Seconded by Cllr Veck that if there is no connection to the grid this proposal will be referred to P&F by Cllr Symonds for a decision. If the pole is connected to the grid Cllr Symonds will bring back to L&A for further recommendations.

All in favour.

**11 LA 652 TO NOTE THE UPDATE ON THE WELCOMEBACK FUND**

Cllr Gallagher reported on the progress of the welcome back fund and answered questions from Committee regarding the event.

The dates for this event have been confirmed as Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March and Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March. 11-3pm; more details on this event will be shared at the beginning of March.

**LA 653 TO NOTE THE MOLES AT THE OVAL**

The report was noted and it was suggested that to avoid this in the future would be to install owl boxes, bat boxes, to bring back a natural balance.

**12 LA 654 TO NOTE THE UPDATE ON THE PROGRESS OF THE PEACEHAVEN GREEN SPACES REPORT AND AGREE TO PROGRESSION OF A GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN**

The report was noted.

Cllr Gallagher requested that a date for a one off workshop/working group is set up to enable interested persons to come along.

**13 LA 655 TO NOTE THE RED DIESEL CHANGES**

The Parks Officers report was noted.

**14 LA 656 TO NOTE THE SAFE CYCLE ROUTE**

The Safe Cycle route project report was noted.

**15 LA657 TO AGREE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE CCTV AT THE GATEWAY CAFÉ**

Cllr Symonds gave a verbal update on the need for CCTV, due to the increase of anti-social behavior, dog attacks and increased use at Centenary Park.

No recommendations were voted on due to missing information.

Cllr Symonds agreed to produce a full report once all information and costs are received.

**16 LA 658 TO NOTE THE WORKS UPDATE**

The Parks Officers report was noted.

**17 THE DATE OF NEXT MEETING WAS CONFIRMED AS THE 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022**

*There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.55*

