



FLEET TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION, LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Wednesday 20 June 2012 7.30pm
The Harlington

PRESENT

- Grahame Chenery
- Richard Appleton
- Paul Einchcomb (Chairman)
- Sue Fisher
- Alastair Hill
- Alan Oliver
- Helen Perthen
- Bob Schofield
- Sue Tilley
- George Woods

Also Present

Alex Robins Operations Manager (for part of the meeting.)
Kitty Yarwood Sports and Recreation Officer (for part of the meeting.)
James Corrigan Town Clerk

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Forster

ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Declarations of Interest were made:

Cllr Chenery Fleet Lions- item 8
Cllr Fisher Friend of Oakley Park-Item 9
Cllr Woods Friend of Ancells –item 7

ITEM 3 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from the public

ITEM 4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Item 8 - Cllr Appleton queried whether there was an adequate supply of football pitches. The Chairman advised that the Council was able to provide pitches for all teams. Cllr Tilley advised that her analysis under PPG 17 had indicated that there were enough pitches and agreed to circulate the analysis.

With the correction to the spelling of Girl Guiding it was

RESOLVED that

The Committee received and approved, as a correct record, the minutes of the RLA Committee meeting held on the 16 May 2012.

ITEM 5 THE HARLINGTON AND ANCELLS FARM COMMUNITY

The Committee received an update on events, hiring's and operational activities of the Harlington and Ancells Farm Community Centre from the Operations Manager.

It was noted that the acoustic music night will now run every two weeks under the name of 'Harlington Live' and will feature 3 bands. This will reduce costs of advertising and paying the bands. FTC will only meet the cost of one member of staff and will receive the bar takings.

The lack of a written agreement with the promoter was queried but as the potential losses to the Council were minimal and savings are significant it was considered not to be essential.

Cllr Perthen entered the meeting at this point.

The difference in income from that reported to the P & F Committee was due to a delay to the input of figures.

The Town Clerk informed the members that he will be reporting to full Council on how the Council will monitor finances and the performance of the Harlington and the coffee shop.

It was noted by Cllr Schofield that when FTC took over the running of the Harlington it was running at loss of £300,000 and it was now less than £120,000.

There was a discussion regarding the purchase of a TV for the Harlington which would also be available to hirers of rooms when needed. This had been requested in the past.

The Committee noted that levels of delegation to officers to purchase items needed to be increased to reduce the need for some items to require specific committee approval. The Town Clerk will be addressing this in his report to the Town Council.

RESOLVED

- a. Purchase new tablecloths (£421.53) and highchairs (£149.67) from funds remaining in the café refurbishment allocation.
- b. Purchase of the LG371k45OU television, £292.

Prop Cllr Chenery Sec Cllr Hill

At this point the Operations Manager left the meeting.

ITEM 6 SPORT AND RECREATION REPORT

The Committee received an update on sport, recreation and park activities from the Sports and Recreation Officer.

Football

There was considerable discussion on football pitch provision together with issues regarding cricket pitch provision and the possible dual use of pitches.

RESOLVED

To approve the provision of new football pitches in Fleet in accordance with the report (copy attached to the minutes) with the deletion 5x5 at Ancells Park

- a) That authority be delegated to the Sports Development Officer to choose between the two pitch configurations at Calthorpe Park

Prop Cllr Appleton Sec Cllr Chenery

Commando fitness

There was considerable discussion with regard to the use of the parks by Military Fitness 4U.

RESOLVED

- a) To approve the use of the parks for exercise activity run by Military Fitness 4U
- b) That Military Fitness 4 U provide for a broad range of participants.
- c) That an Active Mummies Class is provided in the Fleet area.
- d) That payment is deferred for 1 month and thereafter for £10 per week
- e) Authority be delegated to the Sports and Development Officer to develop a contract in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee
- f) That rates are reviewed in one year.
- g) That all the above is subject to the receipt of a satisfactory reference.

Indoor tennis (Calthorpe Park)

Following discussion it was agreed not to proceed with this proposal at this time

Following discussion it was noted and agreed that there was a need for a Masterplan for Calthorpe Park

Skatepark

Following discussion the following was

RESOLVED

- a) That the barriers be not replaced but are monitored in line with the ROSPA report
- b) That the contractor be instructed to undertake the works at a total cost of £5240

Prop Cllr Hill Sec Cllr Fisher

The following matters were noted

- Jubilee debrief
- ROSPA reports
- Soccer at 6

- Calthorpe Park School survey results
- Over 50's and Disability Survey
- Expenditure in the parks

At this point the Sport and Recreation Officer left the meeting.

ITEM 7 REQUEST TO USE ANCELLS COMMUNITY CENTRE BY FRIENDS OF ANCELLS

The Committee considered a request to use Ancells Community Centre by Friends of Ancells

RESOLVED

To approve the use of Ancells Community Centre free of charge, on 28 July 2012 for a table top sale.

Prop Cllr Hill Sec Cllr Appleton

ITEM 8 EVENTS

RESOLVED

The Committee considered and approved

- a) the request from Fleet Lions to hold the annual firework fiesta in Calthorpe Park on 3 November 2012 subject to
 - a. Supply of a bond of £1000
 - b. Supply of satisfactory Public Liability Insurance.
 - c. Supply of satisfactory Risk Assessment.
 - d. Supply of satisfactory Site Plan.
 - e. Payment of £50 for electric and water.
 - f. Provision of adequate portaloos for the event.
- b) the 3 Dens Challenge on the 6th October 2012.
- c) the Scout Summer Annual BBQ on the 13th July.
- d) the Summer Activities at the Views through Hampshire Constabulary.
- e) Lambs Toddler Group Olympic Activities at Basingbourne Park on 26th June, subject to using the far end of the Park only where the smaller pitch was last season.

ITEM 9 UPDATE ON OAKLEY PARK PAVILLION-CHANGE OF USE APPLICATION

The Committee noted the recommendation of the Development Control Committee regarding the planning application to enable the Squirrels pre-school to use the pavilion at Oakley Park. It was noted that an unreasonable request for a contribution of £5796 plus legal costs had been requested by the Highway Authority as a contribution toward transport improvements.

RESOLVED

To progress the planning application and if necessary to appeal against any onerous conditions

ITEM 10 THE CLERK’S REPORT

The Clerk reported

- That the arrangements for the FTC stand for the Fleet and Church Crookham Society Civic Day on 23 June 2012 were now in place.
- That the S106 funds for Ancells Farm Pavilion appeared to have been approved
- That the visit to Andover Lights has now been organised
- That a Transportation Strategy meeting will take place on 28 June 2012 at 6.30pm

ITEM 11 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 18 July 2012 at 7.30pm at The Harlington

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20 pm

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Date.....