



FLEET TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION, LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

**Wednesday 18 July 2012 7.30pm
The Harlington**

PRESENT Grahame Chenery
Richard Appleton (arrived at 7.50 pm item 5)
Paul Einchcomb (Chairman)
Alastair Hill
Bob Schofield
Wallace Vincent
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
Sheila Rayner Committee Clerk

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Fisher, Forster, Oliver, Perthen and Tilley.

ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

ITEM 3 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from the public

ITEM 4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED that

The Committee received and approved, as a correct record, the minutes of the RLA Committee meeting held on the 20 June 2012.

In answer to questions it was confirmed that

- The terms of the contract with Military Fitness 4U had been agreed and the Town Clerk would ensure the immediate signing of contracts
- That the determination of the planning application for a change of use at Oakley Park was awaited so that, if necessary, an appeal could be lodged. The Town Clerk

reported that he was completing investigations in order to build a strong appeal case. Members supplied examples of instances locally where the transport contribution had not been applied.

ITEM 5 SPORT AND RECREATION OFFICER REPORT

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

Circus Wonderland

As this event had been so successful, members requested that Circus Wonderland be encouraged to book The Views venue again, possibly as part of the Christmas festivities. The officers were also asked to investigate the possibility of ice skating as part of the Christmas programme and look at developing a main events programme.

Summer Tennis

The Committee noted that summer tennis was proving to be very popular and that the tennis provider was a very community focussed organisation.

Over 50's and Disability Survey Results

The Committee noted the outcome of a survey to find out leisure needs for this group. Unfortunately only 47 replies had been received and members suggested that U3A with a large number of older members would be a good point of contact. It was also noted that FTC would need to consider if it wished to facilitate an Older Peoples Forum which could provide another point of contact.

RESOLVED

To note the report of the Sports and Development Officer

ITEM 6 THE HARLINGTON AND ANCELLS FARM COMMUNITY CENTRE REPORT

The Committee received a report from the Operations Manager on events, hirings and operational activities of the Harlington and Ancells Farm Community Centre.

Gym space

It was confirmed that a proposal had been received from a company for converting the area to a soft play area and a second proposal was awaited. There will be a full report to the next meeting of the Committee taking into account the commercial viability of the proposed facility.

Comedy Club

The inclusion of food in the Comedy Club event was discussed and it was noted that this would continue to be offered at least all the time it was not making a loss.

General

There were concerns about the nature of the building and a possible 'negative' perception. The committee was informed that various new events were being investigated such as jazz/blues/ folk events. Members suggested other events such as boxing, wrestling, bingo, tea dances, snooker. It was also confirmed that discussions were underway with Starburst with a view to their use of the Centre.

The Town Clerk reported that work had begun on the production of a Business Plan for the Centre and that in future detailed quarterly management and financial information would inform future decision making.

Ancells Farm Community Centre

There was some disappointment regarding the event held on 12 July 2012 to officially launch the garden. However The Town Clerk confirmed that an Awards for All bid was being prepared for submission during the summer. It was also understood that the S106 funding for works to the Pavilion had been agreed by HDC . The Town Clerk was asked to clarify how much funding was available to Fleet in the NEHTS fund and general S106 fund

RESOLVED

That the report of the Operations Manager be noted and that a report be made to the next meeting an any necessary budget adjustment based on financial/management information and a more accurate forecasting of the likely outturn

ITEM 7 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 17 October 2012 at **7.00pm** at The Harlington

NB Please note time of start of future meetings

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25pm

Signed.....

Date:.....