



FLEET TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION, LEISURE & AMENITIES VIRTUAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 17th March 2021 at 7pm

PRESENT

Councillors: G. Carpenter, G. Chenery, P. Einchcomb, R. Hill, L. Holt, K. Jasper, A. Oliver, R. Richmond, B. Schofield, S. Tilley, G. Woods, J. Wright.

Also Present: Janet Stanton - Town Clerk
Susanna Walker - Committee Clerk
Wendy Allen - Office Manager
Alex Robins - Harlington General Manager
Ben Crane - Facilities and Open Spaces Manager
Sian Taylor – Cemetery Officer
Paul Moroney - Co-owner, The Falkners Arms

RLA March 2021 ITEM 1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

RLA March 2021 ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

RLA March 2021 ITEM 3 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from the public.

RLA March 2021 ITEM 4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Recreation, Leisure & Amenities Committee meeting held on Wednesday 16th December 2020 were approved and signed by the Chairman, with the following amendments.

- Page 2, Item 6 – THE HARLINGTON AND ANCELL'S FARM COMMUNITY CENTRE REPORT
 - The 4th bullet point should read 'There are 2 planned shows in January, which will be paid live streamed and live audience'.
 - Page 2, Item 7 – BASINGBOURNE MID TERM DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW
 - The end of the first sentence should read '...looking at the requirement for bridges within the Basingbourne woodland'.
 - The 8th bullet point should read 'The Environment Agency and its possible plans for the area'.
 - Page 3, Item 11 – CLERKS REPORT
 - It was stated that the 1st bullet point should read 'Hart Lions have proposed to plant a cherry tree'.
- NB. Since the meeting, officers reconfirmed that the word 'trees' was stated at the original meeting and not 'tree'.

It was proposed to members that the events application for The Falkners Arms Family Fun Day be discussed at this point in the meeting, due to Mr Paul Moroney, the co-owner of The Falkners Arms being present at the meeting. Mr Moroney outlined the following:

- A family fun day has been held by the Falkners Arms every year since 2010, except 2020, on the first May bank holiday.
- Fundraiser supports local charities.
- Government restrictions are still in place in May 2021.
- New proposed date is Sunday 29th August 2021.
- Proposed venue is the football playing fields in Ancells Farm Park.
- Work with FTC to ensure the Fun Day does not have an adverse effect on Hart Football Club or other park users.
- The family fun day will then revert to the May bank holiday in future years from 2022.

Following this, members discussed:

- No other proposed events on Sunday 29th August 2021.
- Football season does not start until September 2021.
- Football pitch marked out that weekend.
- Set up event, run event, and clear the event can all be done on the Sunday.
- Monday required to check clear up and litter pick.
- Wet weather plans.
- Potential issues with parking.
- Use of Regus car park for public parking.
- Mr Moroney to explore parking in the business park.
- A formal request and risk assessment to be submitted to FTC.

RESOLVED

Members approved the change of date for the Falkners Arms Fun Day in 2021 to Sunday 29th August.

Members received and discussed the report of the Cemetery Officer. The following was noted:

- Congratulations were given for Fleet Cemetery which won Silver at the Cemetery of the Year awards, in the Parish, Town and Council category.
- An updated analysis of all internments over the last 5 years is to be resent to all Councillors.
- Limited number of burial plots available.
- FTC has no statutory obligation to provide a new cemetery.
- FTC has no available land within its boundaries suitable for a new cemetery and burial ground.
- FTC to look at this for the future – should be a conversation with the public to find out their views.
- Two requests for exhumations.
- Planters along Cemetery Road.
- Cemetery signage.
- Cemetery gates.

RESOLVED

To note the report of the Cemetery Office.

RLA March 2021 ITEM 6

FACILITIES AND OPEN SPACES MANAGER'S REPORT

Members received the report of the FOSM for the December 2020 – February 2021 quarter. The following matters were discussed:

- **Welcome to Fleet** signs to be cleaned.
- All major road signs and road names near to a main road are to be cleaned.
- Flowers at entrance points to Fleet.
- Thanks to Ben Crane for all his work leading the operations of the vaccinations at the Harlington.
- Trees from the Woodland Trust.
- Anti-graffiti paint at Ancells Pavilion.

RESOLVED

To note the report of the Facilities and Open Spaces Manager.

RLA March 2021 ITEM 7

THE HARLINGTON AND ANCELLS FARM COMMUNITY CENTRE REPORT

The report of the General Manager of the Harlington for the period December 2020 – February 2021 was presented. Members discussed the following:

- Vaccinations in the Harlington until summer 2021.
- Beer Festival.
- Full programme of events planned at the Harlington from September 2021.
- Possibility of holding shows at the weekends before September.
- Sunday Music in the Park is being reviewed.
- The planned events in January 2021 were cancelled, due to government restrictions.
- Proposed test streaming at the end of March 2021.
- Working alongside Jazz Club and others to stream concerts.
- Elections on 6th May 2021 will be held in the Harlington.
- Harlington website.

RESOLVED

To note the report of the General Manager of the Harlington.

RLA March 2021 ITEM 8

EVENTS APPLICATIONS

Members noted that the following event applications have been received for consideration by the Town Clerk subject to government guidance and availability:

- Circus – 3rd – 6th June 2021
- Fleet Carnival – 3rd July 2021
- Fleet Phoenix - SCAM JAM – Saturday 10th July 2021
- Summer project – Thursdays, 29th July – 26th August 2021
- Open Air Cinema – 12th August 2021
- The Falkner's Arm Fun Day – 29th August 2021
- Open Air Cinema – 10th September 2021
- Fleet Fireworks – 6th November 2021

Members noted the following:

- All events are being reviewed to make sure that all criteria are being met and events run properly in line with government guidelines.
- The Circus application, due to social distancing in the Circus Big Top and government restrictions still in place.
- Summer project is run by Fleet Phoenix, every Thursday evening.

RLA March 2021 ITEM 9 FUTURE EVENTS

Members noted that the future events had been discussed in the previous item, Item 8 – Events Applications.

RLA March 2021 ITEM 10 COVID-19 UPDATE REPORT

Members received and noted a COVID-19 update report from the Town Clerk, including an outline of how the government's easing of restrictions would affect the services and activities of FTC. Members noted the following:

- The dates outlined in the report are the 'no earlier than' dates and are subject to change if the data does not meet the government's four steps to recovery.
- Tennis courts to re-open on 29th March 2021.
- Limited vaccinations from 29th March 2021.

RLA March 2021 ITEM 11 CLERKS REPORT

Members received an update from the Clerk, and discussed the following:

- Action Days have not been organised due to current government restrictions.
- FTC to encourage people to go out and litter pick – FTC have litter picking equipment available.
- COVID-19 guidelines must be followed.
- Basingbourne SINC (Site Important for Nature Conservation)
- FTC have been approached by a company who is planning to install ultra-fast fibre in Fleet. They have put in a request for small piece of land in Fleet for a data centre cabinet to be housed.
 - Proposed land for the cabinet:
 - Basingbourne Park – road to the Scout Hut.
 - Area outside Fleet Town Football Club.
 - Bring back to Council for decision.

RLA March 2021 ITEM 12 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Recreation, Leisure & Amenities Committee will be held on Wednesday 16th June 2021 at 7.00pm. Members noted that it is unknown whether the meeting will be virtual or face to face, due to the possible changes in current government guidelines. Members were assured that the date and time of the meeting will be confirmed nearer the time.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.23pm.

Signed: **Date:**.....

Chairman