



FLEET TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION, LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 19th June 2024 at 7pm

* Councillor Einchcomb (Chairman)
0 Councillor Woods (Vice Chairman)

0 Councillor Chenery
Councillor Fang
* Councillor Holt
0 Councillor May
0 Councillor Oliver

* Councillor Schofield
* Councillor Taylor
* Councillor Tilley
Councillor Wildsmith
0 Councillor Willcocks

* Present # Absent & No Apology Received 0 Apology for Absence L Late

Also in attendance:

Rita Tong – Executive Officer
Alex Robins - The Harlington General Manager
Ben Crane – Facilities and Open Spaces Manager
Sian Taylor – Cemetery Clerk
Friends of Oakley Park Representative

RLA JUNE 2024 ITEM 1

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Paul Einchcomb was nominated and seconded for the position of Chairman. There were no other nominations.

RESOLVED

That Councillor Einchcomb be re-elected to the office of Chairman of Recreation, Leisure and Amenities Committee for the local Government year 2024/2025.

RLA JUNE 2024 ITEM 2

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Councillor George Woods was nominated and seconded for the position of Vice Chairman. There were no other nominations.

RESOLVED

That Councillor Woods be elected to the office of Vice Chairman of Recreation, Leisure and Amenities Committee for the local government year 2024/2025.

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APOLOGIES

Members received and accepted the apologies as noted above.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Tilley declared an other registerable interest in Agenda Item 13 on the grounds that she is the organizer of the event.

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QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from the public present at the meeting.

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Members received and approved as a correct record the minutes of the Recreation, Leisure and Amenities Committee meeting held on 20th March 2024.

RLA JUNE 2024 ITEM 7

THE CEMETERY CLERK'S REPORT

Members received a verbal update from the Cemetery Clerk.

Members noted that there is approximately 5-7 years of full body burial capacity remaining at the Cemetery. Options to purchase vacant land for a new cemetery either within or close to Fleet will need to be investigated.

RESOLVED

Members resolved to note the report.

RLA JUNE 2024 ITEM 8

THE HARLINGTON AND ANCELLS FARM COMMUNITY CENTRE REPORT

Members received the report from The General Manager of the Harlington and Ancells Farm Community Centre.

Members noted that the year end result referred to in the General Overview referred to the 2023/24 financial year and not 2022/23 as stated in the report.

At the request of Members, the Harlington General Manager confirmed that Fleet Town Council reimbursed the Ancells Management Company for the Council's proportion of the management company's claimed expenses in 2023/24 of £6,000 and that £7,500 has been budgeted in 2024/25.

RESOLVED

Members resolved to note the report.

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FACILITIES AND OPEN SPACES MANAGER'S REPORT

Members received the report from the Facilities and Open Spaces Manager.

Members noted that only two of the five boilers servicing The Harlington are currently operating and that there is a significant risk that the remaining two could fail due to their age and the inability to source parts required for maintenance. Members further noted that whilst the issue of energy supply would be addressed within the refurbishment project, an intermediary solution may be required.

Members queried the requirement to plant five trees to replace one tree with a Tree Protection Order.

RESOLVED

Members resolved to note the report.

Members further resolved that once the Design Architects have been appointed, the boiler issue should be raised as a priority issue for guidance regarding resolution.

Members instructed the Facilities and Open Spaces Manager to challenge Hart District Council's requirement to plant five trees to replace one tree with a TPO.

RLA JUNE 2024 ITEM 10

EDENBROOK PLAY AREAS PUBLIC SURVEY RESULTS

Members received the report from the Facilities and Open Spaces Manager on the results of the recent survey conducted on Edenbrook's play areas.

RESOLVED

Members resolved to note the report.

Members instructed the Facilities and Open Spaces Manager to develop proposals for replacing the play equipment at both sites with full costing and to separately identify the cost of installing improved drainage.

Members have requested that Officers develop a comprehensive Playpark Strategy. This strategy should encompass short-term, medium-term, and long-term funding requirements, as well as detailed options for the maintenance and replacement of play equipment. The completed strategy should be presented to this Committee for review.

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HART FOODBANK STORAGE

Members considered a request from Hart Foodbank to provide storage space for food items at Basingbourne Park Pavilion.

RESOLVED

Members approved in principle the use of Basingbourne Park Pavilion for the storage of food items for the Hart Foodbank.

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HARLINGTON FIRE DOOR ASSESSMENT

Members received the report from the Facilities and Open Spaces Manager on the results of the recent Fire Door Inspection performed by Woodstock Security in response to a recent Fire Safety Risk Assessment.

Members noted that replacement of all fire doors would not make the building safer due to the combustible nature of the construction materials used throughout the building and the inherent design of the building. The primary concern of the Council was public safety.

RESOLVED

Members agreed that the issues with the fire doors and overall fire safety of the building would be addressed within the refurbishment project. Meanwhile, the frequency of fire evacuation drills would be increased from the minimum two per annum to ensure public safety.

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MUSIC ON THE VIEWS UPDATE

Members received and noted the update from Councillor Tilley on the proposed Music on The Views event in 2024.

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SKATE PARK AND OTHER PARKS

Members received and noted the report from the Facilities and Open Spaces Manager on the skate park and The Views play area.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT

The Executive Officer had nothing to report.

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FUTURE EVENTS

Members noted the following future events:

Brass Band Concert	23 rd June 2024	Oakley Park
Fleet Carnival	6 th July 2024	High Street/Calthorpe Park
SCAM JAM	20 th July 2024	The Views
Summer Project (Fleet Phoenix)	27 th July- 29 th August 2024	The Views
Music on The Views (FTC event)	25 th August 2024	The Views
Lions Fireworks Fiesta	2 nd November 2024	Calthorpe Park

Councillor Tilley informed Committee members that a Pop Up Hub would be held at the Fleet Carnival and requested sign up from Councillors for one-hour slots.

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DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Recreation, Leisure and Amenities Committee will be held on Wednesday 18th September 2024 at 7pm at The Harlington.

The meeting closed at 9:08pm.

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

Chairman