



FLEET TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION, LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

**Wednesday 17 April 2013 at 7.00pm
The Harlington**

PRESENT

Alan Oliver(Chairman)
Richard Appleton
Grahame Chenery
Sue Fisher
Steve Forster (arrived at 7.45pm)
Helen Perthen (arrived at 7.25 pm)
Sue Tilley
George Woods

Also Present

Alex Robins Operations Manager
James Corrigan Town Clerk
Sheila Rayner Committee Clerk

Mike Bye Friends of Oakley Park

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Einchcomb and Schofield

ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Chenery Item 6 Friend of Calthorpe Park
Cllr Oliver Item 6 Friend of Calthorpe Park

ITEM 3 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from the member of the public who was instead permitted to participate in agenda item 6

ITEM 4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

With the amendment to item 3 to read 40-42 Kings Road, the Committee received and approved as a correct record, the minutes of the RLA Committee meeting held on 16 January 2013

In response to questions, The Town Clerk confirmed :

- That no request for funding had been made to HDC to carry out works to the path at Oakley Park as the funds were understood to have already been allocated (item 3)
- That there was no progress to report on the agreement to a contribution of a sum from HCC Library service for the CCTV installation (item 7)

ITEM 5 THE HARLINGTON AND ANCELLS FARM COMMUNITY CENTRE REPORT

The Committee received and noted the report of the Operations Manager for the quarter relating to Jan- April 2013. Members were pleased to note the continuing increase in revenue, the growing success of the newer events such as Club Retro and the Jazz Club, and other new uses such as a wedding reception.

Members expressed their approval to the work being undertaken with a view to presenting a professional pantomime at Christmas 2013. It was hoped to attract audiences over a 2 week period and that by October 2013 a financial commitment linked to a 3year contract was hoped to be in place. It was noted that the Town Clerk would take responsibility for the signing of the contract and its review.

Members were pleased to note the outturn figures for The Harlington showed a loss of approximately £80,000 against a budgetted loss of £119,000.

The outturn for Ancells showed a loss of £6,600 against a budgetted loss of £11,000.

Members asked that budgetary monitoring figures for Ancells be included in future reports and referred to the future receipt of the Ancells Business Plan

Cllrs Forster and Perthen entered the meeting during consideration of the above item

RESOLVED

To note the report of the Operations Manager

ITEM 6 CALTHORPE PARK DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Cllr Oliver confirmed that as he had expressed an interest, he would not be participating in the debate but would be able to answer any questions which may arise on the draft Development Plan.

The Committee received and considered a draft Development Plan prepared by the Friends of Calthorpe Park. Discussion centred on the following issues :

- Some sections had not been completed and these would need to be completed or deleted
- A number of properties had created accesses onto the park without the benefit of a easement with the concern that creation of a legal right of way should be prevented if possible
- That a recent letter from the Cricket Club was concerning the lease rather than the Calthorpe Park Development Plan
- Concern that there were inconsistencies and a lack of a definitive plan showing the boundaries of the leased areas
- That consideration should be given to extending the tennis court area for a MUGA
- That a temporary Road Closure Order may be required for the next Firework event as the cycle path would be adopted as a highway

- The numbering system for the separate areas in the Park needed explanation
- Exact boundaries needed to be established as part of the lease review process
- Important to remove anomalies particularly regarding the provision of car parking spaces
- Makes reference to parking at Merivale which it is believed is not supported by the friends group

Following detailed discussion and having expressed gratitude to Cllr Oliver for all his hard work on preparing the first draft Development Plan, it was

RESOLVED

That Cllr Oliver, as Chairman of Friends of Calthorpe Park, and the Town Clerk, prepare the second draft of the Development Plan, taking account of the issues above and including a definitive list of aspirations and a clear list of Action Points for Fleet Town Council to consider for inclusion in the final plan prior to adoption.

In relation to the above Mike Bye of the Friends of Oakley Park sought clarification regarding the first draft of a plan for Oakley Park.

It was explained that as per the Master Document that had been issued it was not compulsory for an Ecology section to be completed, if there were no ecology issues. Assistance could be available by using the services of the Grounds Maintenance Fleet Ranger to develop this aspect of the plan if so desired.

ITEM 7 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 17 July 2013 at **7.30pm** at The Harlington

NB Please note time of start of meeting which the Committee agreed should revert to 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Signed.....

Date.....