



FLEET TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION, LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

**Wednesday 16 January 2013 at 7.00pm
The Harlington**

PRESENT

Paul Einchcomb (Chairman)
Richard Appleton
Grahame Chenery
Alan Oliver
Helen Perthen (arrived at 7.25 pm)
Sue Tilley (arrived at 7.25pm)
George Woods

Also Present

Alex Robins Operations Manager
Kitty Yarwood Sports and Recreation Officer
James Corrigan Town Clerk
Sheila Rayner Committee Clerk

Mike Bye and Sarah Horton Representatives of Friends of Oakley Park
Colin Gray Representative of the Fleet Pond Society

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Fisher, Forster and Schofield

ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Appleton-item 8 Fleet Pond-regular walker at the pond

ITEM 3 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Colin Gray, representative of the Fleet Pond Society, informed the meeting that he was present to deal with any questions regarding item 8- HDC Consultation on Fleet Pond

Sarah Horton, representative of Friends of Oakley Park, asked two questions

- The request was made that when the sum of £16,562 was received to mitigate the impact of the development at 14-42 Kings Road, which had recently been granted planning permission; could some of those funds be made available to carry out remedial work to the path backing onto Oakley Park?

The Committee asked for the request to be made in writing to the Town Clerk to take up the matter with HDC as they decide where S106 funds are spent.

- As Oakley Park had been recognised in previous years by South and South East in Bloom, the Friends Group would like to enter the park into the Champion of Champions and small park category in 2013. The entry fee was £60 and the deadline for entry was 18 February 2013. The Committee confirmed that they would be pleased for The Friends to submit an application and indicated that it would be prepared for FTC to assist with information etc. for inclusion in the portfolio. The Town Clerk noted the request for FTC to meet the £60 entry fee and agreed that this could be considered.

ITEM 4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

With the agreement of the Town Clerk to follow up how much funding was available to Fleet in the NEHTS fund and general S 106 fund (item 4), the amendment to item 9 d) of 'letter' to 'litter' and confirmation that Cllrs Schofield and Pierce would be preparing the design for the conversion of the space at the Harlington, the Committee received and approved, as a correct record, the minutes of the RLA Committee meeting held on the 17 October 2012

Cllrs Perthen and Tilley entered the meeting

ITEM 5 SPORTS AND RECREATION REPORT

The Committee considered the Sports and Recreation report which dealt with a variety of matters. The committee noted matters relating to:

- Ancells Pavilion update
- Oakley Park pavilion
- Crookham Village Play area update-it was noted that the Town Clerk would send a further email offering to meet to discuss progress on the project
- Tree surveys
- Puppy love dog training
- Expenditure in Parks

So far as other matters were concerned there was a detailed discussion regarding the installation of table tennis tables in the parks to celebrate the Olympic legacy, and the future installation of CCTV in Calthorpe Park, it was

RESOLVED

- a) That a table tennis table be installed in a park that includes such an aspiration in its approved Development Plan, that the success of the installation be reviewed after six months , with the selection of which park, to be delegated to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee.**
- b) That the remaining funds in Earmarked Reserves for Park Improvements (900-9005) in the sum of £3123 be transferred as an earmarked reserve for 2013/2014 for the future installation of CCTV in Calthorpe Park.**

As it was her last meeting, the Committee wished to place on record their appreciation of Kitty Yarwood's contribution to the work of FTC. Councillors and the Town Clerk thanked her for all her diligent work.

ITEM 6 THE HARLINGTON AND ANCELLS FARM COMMUNITY CENTRE REPORT

The Committee received and noted the report of the Operations Manager for the quarter relating to Oct-Dec. 2012. Members were pleased to note the continuing increase in revenue, the improvement to The Harlington website, and the expectation that the proposed new box office system would increase this success.

ITEM 7 PROPOSED PURCHASE OF A CCTV SYSTEM AT THE HARLINGTON

The Committee considered the report of the Operations Manager on the proposed purchase and installation of CCTV at The Harlington

It was reported that the preferred system was an internal digital 24 hour recording system, similar to that installed at Ancells Pavilion, which would record and retain images for 31 days. Members suggested that The Library Service is invited to make a financial contribution as the system would benefit their service too and noted that the proposed funding was made up of a sum of £6,300 provided in the budget together with a projected underspend in the RLA revenue budget.

RESOLVED

- **To authorise the purchase and installation of a CCTV system for the Harlington at a cost not to exceed £10,000, to be funded from the budget provision of £6,300 (201-4205) and underspend from the Committee's 2012/2013 revenue budget**
- **To seek a substantial contribution from the HCC Library Service towards the cost of the CCTV system**

ITEM 8 HDC CONSULTATION ON FLEET POND

The Committee discussed the consultation document on Fleet Pond published by HDC.

The Fleet Pond Society display in the lobby of The Harlington was noted and the members expressed their support of the comments on the document submitted to HDC by the Fleet Pond Society.

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED

That FTC inform HDC that they fully endorsed the comments of the Fleet Pond Society on the consultation document and that HDC be informed that FTC wished to stress

- **The educational importance of the Pond as a nature reserve**
- **The wish to see the pond and its environs kept in a natural state**
- **The wish to see the adjoining MOD land used primarily by dog walkers is maintained as Public Open Space**
- **That access point from the station car park should be encouraged and that this should be addressed in the redevelopment plans for the station**
- **That efforts should be made to secure the cutting back of the vegetation near the Business Park footpath that leads to the new bridge**
- **That cycle parking is not needed as there is ample space in the railway station**

ITEM 9 ADOPTION OF EDENBROOK PLAY AREAS

The Committee considered a report and plan on the proposed adoption of the two play areas at Edenbrook. It was confirmed that the proposed liabilities did not include the cutting back of the surrounding vegetation and that there was a commuted sum available to cover the cost of maintenance during the first few years.

After careful consideration it was

RESOLVED

That subject to the completion of the remedial works, and the exclusion of the maintenance of the fence just outside the play areas, that the two play areas be adopted

ITEM 10 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 17 April 2013 at **7.00pm** at The Harlington

NB Please note time of start of meeting

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed.....

Date.....