



Minutes of the meeting of the Sport & Leisure Committee held in The Sportsman Meeting Room, Birchwood Leisure Centre, Longmead, Hatfield AL10 0AN on Wednesday 20th Nov 2019 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Councillor T. Wiltshire – Vice Chairman in the Chair
Councillor L. Brandon
Councillor R. Griffiths
Councillor C. Juggins
Councillor A. MacKay
Councillor R. Brisbin
Councillor M. Eames-Petersen

OFFICERS: S. Frake (Head of Operations)
A. Ogilvie (Head of Estates)
P. Medowski (Health & Wellbeing Manager)

29. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Zhaveri (work)

30. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from the public.

31. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Juggins declared an interest in item 7 on the agenda as she has had conversations with the parties involved.

32. MINUTES

It was noted that Cllr Griffiths asked that item 28 include that Cllr Brandon was asked to circulate a business plan as well as a copy of the figures and subject to the above amendment the minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

33. REPORT BY HEAD OF ESTATES, ALI OGILVIE

Members noted the report and thanked Ali for his time. Head of Estates is to bring costings for the netting and container required for Newgate Street to the next meeting.

(Action: Head of Estates)

34. 10 MINUTE PRESENTATION BY BILLY HIGHTON, EVERY DAY STAND VICTORIOUS (EDSV) LICENCEE OF ROE HILL HALL

Members noted the presentation and thanked Billy for his time and sterling efforts. Cllr Juggins suggested that all Councillors would benefit from a visit to the Academy.

35. REFERRAL FROM COUNCIL ON 16TH OCTOBER 2019

“Mr N. Upson questioned the allocation of football pitches at Birchwood which seemed to favour Hatfield Town FC. The Head of Estates confirmed that only the Town Council Officers allocated pitches. Members referred this matter for consideration to the Sport & Leisure Committee on 20th November.”

Head of Estates explained that the team who plays in the higher league takes precedence on the railed pitch at Birchwood.

RESOLVED that all teams will be informed that the team who plays in the higher league will take precedence for the railed pitch at Birchwood. When there are lower league teams with cup games, advice will be sort from the FA as to which game has greater priority.

(Action: Head of Estates)

36. 10 MINUTE PRESENTATION BY CHERYL HORTON (CVS) AND HASSAN HALIL (WELWYN HATFIELD DAY CARE) REGARDING A SENSORY GARDEN AND BENCH AT ROE HILL

Members received an interesting presentation regarding the provision of a sensory garden area within Roe Hill playing fields. The garden is completely funded and will be maintained by Briars Pavilion.

RESOLVED that members are happy for a garden to be placed within the bounds of Roe Hill playing fields as long as all H&S and insurance implications are taken into account. Head of Estates is to meet Hassan Halil on site to determine a suitable location.

(Action: Town Clerk & Head of Estates)

37. SPORTSMAN FLOORING

Samples and quotes were provided by Pawel Medowski, Health & Wellbeing Manager for the new Sportsman room flooring.

To recoup the cost of the Sportsman flooring the Health & Wellbeing Manager has stated that we need to achieve an additional 3hrs hire per week over a 2 year period. This is achievable by introducing more HTC ran fitness classes, using the room for Football parties at the weekends and attracting more meetings.

The average income from the room is currently £770 per week. Over two years 3 x £27 (hourly rate) = £81 multiplied by 102 weeks = £8262 additional income. The flooring will cost approx. £6500.

RESOLVED that the flooring go ahead with the best value quote to enable greater revenue to be achieved and to accommodate our ever increasing offer to the community.

(Action: Pawel Medowski, Health & Wellbeing Manager)

38. PRICES 2020/2021

To approve or otherwise the prices attached which are on the whole a 2% increase on prices.

RESOLVED that members approve the price increases.

(Action: Town Clerk and Head of Operations)

39. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Noted that the next meeting would be on 22nd January 2020 at 7.30pm.

40. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business;

- (i) Motion by Cllr Zhaveri – confidential due to GDPR matters
- (ii) Motion by Cllr Brandon – Town Council Facilities

41. MOTION BY CLLR ZHAVERI

RESOLVED that this item be held over to a meeting when Cllr Zhaveri is present. It is noted that Cllrs present do not feel that this matter is council business.

42. MOTION BY CLLR BRANDON

Cllr Brandon requested that Saunders Architects and Lindhill Property Development Specialists be permitted to carry out a presentation regarding development at Birchwood to Full Council on 15th January 2020

RESOLVED that Saunders and Lindhill are invited to present at full council on 15th January 2020.

(Action: Cllr Brandon)

Closure: 9.10pm

Chairman