

MINUTES of the **RECREATION AND AMENTITIES COMMITTEE** meeting held at Felixstowe Town Hall on **Wednesday 11 February 2015** at **5pm**

PRESENT: Cllr D Savage (Chairman) Cllr G Newman
Cllr M Sharman (Vice Chairman) Cllr J Sennington
Cllr N Barber (until item 507) Cllr C Slemmings
Cllr M Deacon Cllr M Walker
Cllr Jan Garfield

OFFICERS: Mr A Tadjrishi (Town Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms S Shinnie (Active Communities Officer, SCDC)

502. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All Members were present.

Cllr N Barber gave apologies in advance of leaving the meeting at 5.45pm in order to attend to other business.

503. DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLORS' INTERESTS

Cllrs D Savage, M Deacon, Jan Garfield, J Sennington, M Sharman and C Slemmings each declared a Local Non Pecuniary Interest in all items on the agenda as Members of Suffolk Coastal District Council.

Cllrs N Barber and G Newman each declared a Local Non Pecuniary Interest in all items on the agenda as Members of Suffolk County Council.

Cllr M Sharman declared a Local Non Pecuniary Interest in item 506 as Chairman of the Felixstowe and District Council for Sport and Recreation.

504. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

505. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that:

The Minutes of the Recreation & Amenities Sub-Committee Meeting held on 16 July 2014 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

506. DONKEY SITE PROJECT

The Chairman welcomed Suffolk Coastal District Council's Active Communities Officer, Sarah Shinnie, to the meeting. Committee heard from Ms Shinnie and the Clerk on the recent public consultation and considered the findings of the survey. It was noted from the report that, of the options put forward; survey respondents had chosen the 'Trim Trail' as a narrow favourite. Ms Shinnie

advised that, from a meeting with representatives from the local Parkour group, the 'Trim Trail' option appeared to be preferable to an Outdoor Gym for their purposes also. The group had indicated that strength conditioning and fitness was fundamental to their activities and the 'Trim Trail' was in keeping with this aspiration. The group had been invited to provide an alternative design proposal to the Parkour option, however at this time no proposal had been received for consideration.

Members considered a range of design proposals and associated costs provided by several companies agreed to progress with the 'Trim Trail' option. A Member commented that traditionally a 'Trim Trail' would be over several hundred metres, often within a woodland setting. It was noted that the Sea Road site was more compact and the layout should attempt to use the site effectively without compromising the opportunity for any additional facilities which could be installed at the location in the future.

On consideration of the quotes provided, Committee agreed that the Hags-Smp quote was preferred. Councillors C Slemmings and M Sharman were asked to review the items of equipment and reduce the number of items from 13 to 10 subsequent to the meeting. The Clerk was instructed to enquire whether Hags-Smp could review the quote based on the 10 items chosen and bring the cost to £15,000.

It was noted that the S106 Outdoor Playspace fund currently provided a total of £28,287.12 available for Sport, with no funds available for Play. Ms Shinnie advised that the total fund had been reviewed with SCDC's Planning Policy team and Section 106 Officer. This had led to the cleared balance available in the fund being reduced by the total linked to approved development projects which had yet to commence. Committee noted that should these developments require new planning consent it was likely that this would be under the new Community Infrastructure Levy regime and therefore not subject to S106.

It was RESOLVED that:

- i. Hags-Smp to be invited to provide a ten station 'Trim Trail', to be installed at the earliest opportunity on the former donkey rides site on Sea Road, Felixstowe, pending confirmation of a total project cost of £15,000;**
- ii. Cllrs S Slemmings and M Sharman be delegated the authority to consider and decide the final 10 items from a list of 13 as provided in the project proposal document from Hag-Smp and advise the Clerk of their selections;**
- iii. The Clerk to be delegated the authority to take any further actions necessary to complete the project; including applying on the Council's behalf for S106 Outdoor Playspace funding of £15,000 to cover the cost of the project and to arrange for a licence for the installation of the equipment on the site from SCDC as the landowners.**

It being 5.45pm, Cllr N Barber left the meeting at this point.

507. LITTER AND DOG WASTE BINS

Committee considered requests to fund the provision and erection of bins at the following locations:

Litter bins outside Colneis School near the bridleway and outside Kingsfleet School near the start of the footpath; and,

Dog waste bin between Hopkins Homes and the end of Tower Road (on the convent side).

In response to a query from a Member as to the whether the litter bin that was removed from Taunton Road is to be replaced with a dog waste bin, the Clerk undertook to refer this to Suffolk Coastal Norse for a response.

It was RESOLVED that:

- iv. Suffolk Coastal Norse be asked to report to the Clerk on the suitability and need for litter bins and/or a dog waste bin at the locations listed in the report above; and,**
- v. The Clerk to bring forward a recommendation to Council on 1 April pending the result of information requested above being received from Suffolk Coastal Norse.**

508. MARTELLO PARK, SOUTH SEAFRONT UPDATE

Committee noted the update on works planned by Suffolk Coastal District Council to improve recreation facilities at Martello Park on the South Seafront.

509. CLOSURE

The meeting was closed at 6.05pm. It was noted that this was the final meeting of the Recreation & Amenities Sub-Committee. Minutes from this meeting would be presented to Council for approval and future business will be considered by Council's Civic & Community Committee from May 2015. Members recorded a vote of thanks to Cllr D Savage, for her chairmanship of the Committee.

Date: _____

Chairman: _____

