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DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of the Leisure, Amenities & Environment (LA&E) Committee meeting held in the Anzac Room, Community House on Tuesday 3rd September 2024 at 7:30pm.

Present: Cllr Sharkey (Chair), Cllr Griffiths, Cllr Evans, Cllr Gallagher, Cllr Fabry, Cllr Studd, Cllr Donovan, Cllr Seabrook.

Officers: Kevin Bray (Parks Officer), Zoe Polydorou (Meetings & Projects Officer).

2 members of the public were in attendance.

LA933 CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair opened the meeting at 19:30, welcomed members, and went through the building fire procedures, asked that phones be put onto silent, and informed everyone that the meeting was being recorded. The Chair then informed the Committee of the following:

- ArtWave Festival beginning this Saturday 7th September at the Friendship Centre, Mayfield Avenue, and then the following 2 weekends both Fridays and Saturdays, finishing on the 21st September.
- Cinema Wednesday 18th September – Fly me to the Moon
- The Mayor’s Quiz Night on Friday 20th September – With proceeds in aid of the Peacehaven Community Supermarket
- That works were taking place at the Dell playground, installing new inclusive play equipment which had been funded by section 106 contributions.

LA934 PUBLIC QUESTIONS.

Members of the public may ask questions on any relevant L&A matter.

There was 1 public question. The resident expressed concern over the state of The Oval due to the lack of grass cutting, which has meant that it has not been used because of the issues with the overgrown grass, including ticks, dog mess, and rats. It was described as being a waste of a community space, and no longer a nice environment, and it was requested for the rewilding decision was reversed.

The Chair thanked the member of public.

LA935 TO CONSIDER APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & SUBSTITUTIONS

There was 1 apology for absence from Cllr Ashby-Parkin.

LA936 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

There were 0 declarations of interest.

LA937 TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 18TH JUNE 2024

Cllr Fabry requested clarification of what the ‘items’ stated were.
The Meetings & Projects Officer agreed to look into this.

Proposed by: Cllr Griffiths Seconded by: Cllr Studd
The Committee **resolved to adopt** the minutes.

LA940 TO DECIDE THE OVAL GRASS CUTTING SCHEDULE REVIEW

The Chair introduced the report. There was general discussion and appreciation of the issues that the resident had described during public questions, and there was concern with there being only 2 choices, and suggested leaving some area cut and some not.

The Parks Officer explained it used to be cut around 10-12 times a year, and would be cut in the next couple of weeks.

The report below was then considered in conjunction with this item.

LA 946 TO DISCUSS ACCESSIBILITY TO THE OVAL PARK

Cllr Seabrook introduced the report.

It was proposed to agree to the recommendations in the report.

Proposed by: Cllr Seabrook Seconded by: Cllr Griffiths

The Committee **resolved** to **agree** to this proposal.

The Parks Office confirmed that none of the gates are accessible, and those discussions can take place in the TFG. TFG members were confirmed as: Cllr Griffiths, Cllr Studd, Cllr Evans, the two members of the public, and to invite Cllr Ashby-Parkin, Cllr Alexander and his wife.

LA938 TO NOTE BUDGET UPDATE

Cllr Seabrook queried the changing places cost, whereby the Parks Officer explained the issue with there having been several faulty locks.

The budgetary report was **noted**.

LA939 TO NOTE ACTION PLAN

20:02 – The 2 members of the public left.

Cllr Gallagher suggested the members of the greenspaces infrastructure audit to be inputted as Cllr Fabry, Cllr Ashby-Parkin, Cllr Gallagher, Cllr Sharkey.

Cllr Donovan queried if the OVCA item was now being taken forward, whereby the Parks Officer suggested referring this to the Town Clerk.

Cllr Gallagher expressed that a public consultation needs to be carried out with regards to the Hub.

The Parks Officer explained details of plan for The Hub and that it will go to Full Council, possibly with a TFG set up.

The action plan was **noted**.

LA941 TO DECIDE TREE WORKS REQUEST, FOXHILL

Members discussed possible financial and tree works contributions from residents, and reviewing the current policy.

It was proposed to carry out the tree work as per the report.

Proposed by: Cllr Gallagher Seconded by: Cllr Fabry

The Committee **resolved** to **agree** to this proposal.

5 members voted in **favour** of the proposal.

2 abstained.

LA 942 TO NOTE ALLOTMENT UPDATE

The Chair queried whether this item could fall into Confidential.

The Parks Officer read out the Town Clerk's response with regards to confidential items, which summarised that it would not.

There was general discussion about liaison officers and an allotment complaint.

The verbal update was **noted**.

LA 943 TO NOTE THE COMPLAINTS LOG

Cllr Griffiths explained that LDC would like to contribute to the bench's repair.
The complaints log was noted.

LA 944 TO NOTE OVESCO WORKSHOP UPDATE

Cllr Sharkey explained she did not attend the meeting, but that Cllr Harman did.
Cllr Gallagher introduced the report and expressed it was a major opportunity to carry out decarbonisation of PTC assets (buildings).
The update was **noted**.

LA 945 TO NOTE BUSINESS PLAN

The Chair introduced the report.
Cllr Gallagher explained a lot of this was to do with the NDP and the Green Infrastructure plan.
The business plan was **noted**.

Cllr Fabry mentioned the access measurements in the Appendices for the Oval park were too narrow, and should be looked into.

LA 947 TO AGREE AND APPROVE THE CENTENARY PARK MAIN SIGN

The Meetings & Projects Officer explained the report.
It was proposed that the Meetings & Projects Officer proceed with the signage.

Proposed by: Cllr Evans Seconded by: Cllr Studd
The Committee **resolved** to **agree** to this proposal.

LA 948 TO NOTE REPORT FROM PARKS SIGNAGE TFG

The Meetings & Projects Officer introduced the report.
The report was **noted**.

LA 949 TO NOTE GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN UPDATE

Cllr Gallagher expressed that it would be good to have a support officer involved so that a future report can be brought to Committee.
The report was **noted**.

LA 950 TO NOTE HOWARD PARK PHASE 2 TFG REPORT

The Meetings & Projects Officer summarised the report.
Cllr Donovan suggested West Ward councillors as weeding volunteers.
The report was **noted**.

LA 951 TO NOTE THE FOOTBALL CLUB 3G PROJECT UPDATE

The Parks Officer summarised the report.

The update was **noted**.

LA 952 VERBAL UPDATES FOR TASK AND FINISH GROUPS

- i. Parks Signage
- ii. Green Spaces Infrastructure
- iii. Howard Park Phase 2
- iv. Car Parking Options at Centenary Park

No further updates.

LA 953 TO CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING AS THE 29TH OCTOBER 2024

The next meeting was confirmed as 29th October 2024.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 20:55.