MINUTES OF THE CHEADLE TOWN COUNCIL LEISURE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15th JULY 2024.

131. PRESENT – Councillors Mrs. P Upton (Chair) I.W. Plant (Vice Chair), S. Ellis, M. Staton, D. Wilson, P. Routledge and Miss Z. Routledge

132. APOLOGIES – Councillors Mrs K. Mills, Ms L. Wood Williams and B. Charlesworth

133. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

134. SECTION 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS - None

135. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF MONDAY 17th JUNE 2024

Approved and confirmed as a correct record, with all recommendations approved.

RESOLVED ITEMS

136. UPDATE ON OPEN SPACES PROJECTS/GRANTS/COSTINGS

Councillor Mrs P. Upton provided the Committee with an update on the current developments. Cllr Upton stated that the flooring was due to be fitted in the new Bowling Pavilion starting the following week, however it was dependant on the readings of the moisture content from the drying concrete flooring. It was agreed that the report provided by the Staffordshire Police Architectural Liaison Officer would be provided to Members at the next meeting. It was reported that the keys to the football changing rooms were missing and should be investigated. It was agreed that a rules sheets for the football changing rooms should be drawn up by the Clerk.

137. BENCHES TO BE LOCATED AROUND GREEN NO 2

Cllr Mrs P. Upton stated that she had been in discussion with THE Checkley Bowling Club and they had requested some of their benches be located around the No2 Green. This was approved and it was confirmed that a meeting with Checkley representatives should be held to discuss the shelter they had bought with them from the previous location. .

RECOMMENDATIONS TO FULL COUNCIL

None

ACTION PLAN

138. CEMETERY EXTENSION UPDATE

The Deputy Clerk and Vice-Chair provided an update in respect of the Cemetery Extension and stated that the previously discussed conditions bought about by the Environment Agency had not been removed, and therefore it was confirmed that there was a further meeting with Hewitt & Carr for the next stages to move forward.

139. COMMITTEE OBJECTIVES AND LONG TERM PLANS

Several matters were discussed in terms of the financial implications for the maintenance and assets held by the Town Council. It was agreed that both the Leisure & Operations Committee should work closely with the Finance & Resources Committee, and the cross-over on Councillors on both Committee's would be helpful. The areas discussed included the maintenance costs on the green spaces, and how they would help to reduce risk to park users, particularly from trip hazards on the pathways. It was agreed that funding for these could include Section 106 monies and any available Grants. The discussions also included the Cemetery extension and existing site for the same reasons. The Allotment site was discussed and it was agreed to send correspondence to Mrs. Barker in order to ascertain what options were available to Council.

140. SKATE PARK UPDATE

It was reported that the Bendcrete Team have been made aware of the anomalies on the skate park and have been sent photo's of the wear and tear. Council are now awaiting a report from the contractor.

141. PCSO REQUEST FOR GROUP ACTIVITIES ON THE TEAN ROAD RECREATION GROUND

It was agreed that a motion from Councillor Mark Staton, to write to the Police and Crime Commissioner in respect of available funding, would be appropriate and this was agreed by Members.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

142. REVIEW AND APPROVE FENCING FOR BOWLING PAVILION.

The height, colour and shape of the fencing was discussed, and it was agreed that the height should be appropriate in terms of security, the colour should match the existing fencing and the preference would be for a 'looped' finish at the top. Cllr S. Ellis stated that it was important that the style and positioning of the fencing did not provide a 'climbing frame' for young people to access the roof, and this was agreed by Members.

There being no further business the meeting was brought to a close.

Signed…….