MINUTES OF THE CHEADLE TOWN COUNCIL LEISURE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16th OCTOBER 2023.

312. PRESENT – Councillors Mrs. P Upton (Chair), I.W. Plant (Vice Chair), G. Bentley, D Wilson, P. Routledge, Miss Z. Routledge and S. Ellis

313. APOLOGIES – Councillors B. Charlesworth, Mrs K. Mills and R. Talbot

314. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor I. Plant declared an interest as he is known to Members of the Checkley Bowling Club and has been employed to maintain the Bowling Green.

315. SECTION 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS

None

316. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF MONDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 2023

Approved and confirmed as a correct record.

RESOLVED ITEMS

317. BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS FOR 2024/25 INCLUDING INFRASTRUCTURE REVIEW AND PLAN FOR ASSETS

The Clerk reported that the Working Party had held an initial meeting and had agreed a format from which to look at the assets held by the Council, and to prepare any assets requiring repair for the forthcoming budget. It was reported that this process had started and would be bought back to the Committee when finalised.

318. 'OUTSIDE PROJECT – CELEBRATION DAY MURAL ARTIST WORKSHOP

The Alliance Playground Checks were assessed and it was agreed that they would run alongside the Infrastructure review.

319. ROLLING OF THE TEAN ROAD RECREATION GROUND FOOTBALL PITCH

Cllr G. Bentley confirmed that he had the machinery available to carry out these works, and put forward an offer to carry out the work under the Lengthsman Scheme or as a separate contract. It was initially agreed that the football pitch would require rolling twice per season, however it was agreed that AES should first confirm whether they have the capacity to carry out the work under the current contract.

ITEMS CONSIDERED UNDER RECOMMENDATION TO FULL COUNCIL

320. SPECIFICATION PROPOSALS FOR NEW BOWLS PAVILION AND FOOTBALL CHANGING ROOMS

The Chair advised Members that the specifications for the Bowling Pavilion and Football Changing Rooms had been sent out for tender, and would look to be ready to put to the Full Council at its meeting in November 2023.

321. BENCH AT GLEBE ROAD ORCHARD

It was agreed to recommend a Bench Policy, similar to SMDC, to Full Council.

321. ALLOTMENTS WORKING PARTY – REPORT

The Allotments Working Party Report was reviewed by Councillors and they accepted the report. Members agreed to support the request from the Working Party to include the tree cutting for the Allotment in the Cheadle Town Council schedule.

322. FOOTPATHS WORKING PARTY - REPORT

The Footpaths Working Party Report was reviewed by Councillors and they accepted the report.

ACTION PLAN – ITEMS FOR UPDATE AND PROGRESSION

323. WOODEN CLIMBING UNIT – CHURCHILL ROAD

It was reported that the Deputy Clerk had been in contact with SMDC and that efforts to locate replacement parts for the Climbing Unit had been unsuccessful. As a consequence of this, they advised removing the unit from the Churchill Road Recreation Ground altogether. Cllr G. Bentley asked for some time to source new parts for the unit, and this was agreed by a majority of Members.

324. COMMUNITY YOUTH SHELTER BASE – UPDATE ON INSTALLATION

Members were advised that the base would be installed within 4-6 weeks and that a representative from Lightmain UK (supply & installation) had been to view the site. It was reported that the Youth Shelter should be in position by Christmas 2023.

325. DOG CONTROL ORDER ON THE TEAN ROAD RECREATION GROUND

Members agreed that it was appropriate to retain the current policy, however there was a requirement to look at using some of the park as a 'Freedom Field' where dogs could exercise without the use of restraint. It was also agreed to contact SMDC in respect of how they police the provisions of their District-wide Dog Policy.

326. UPDATE ON THE GATES AT THE TEAN ROAD RECREATION GROUND

The Chair informed Councillors that there had been a significant delay with the stonework due to other commitments of the appointed contractor, however it had been agreed that the work would commence soonest. Councillors agreed that the stonework should not be started before the Monday 13th November, in order that there were no disruptions to the Remembrance Day events over that weekend.

327. LAND AT HAMMERSELY HAYES – CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH SMDC

Members felt that the land was beneficial to the residents in the North East Ward, and agreed that the lease agreement with SMDC should be renewed. It was further agreed that once this was in place, an assessment would be carried out in order to ascertain what repairs were required for the budget.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

328. <u>REQUEST FROM CHECKLEY BOWLING CLUB TO USE FACILITIES AT THE TEAN ROAD RECREATION GROUND (GREEN 2) FROM 2024 SEASON</u>

Members agreed to accept the request from Checkley Bowling Club, and provide access to all facilities held by Cheadle Town Council.

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

Signed…….