MINUTES OF THE CHEADLE TOWN COUNCIL LEISURE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2024.

192. PRESENT – Councillors Mrs. P Upton (Chair) I.W. Plant (Vice Chair), D. Wilson, P. Routledge, Mrs K. Mills, Ms L. Wood Williams, B. Charlesworth and Miss Z. Routledge

193. APOLOGIES – Councillors S. Ellis and M. Staton

194. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor I. Plant declared an interest in any matters relating to RG Joiners as he is known to the Contractor, and matters relating to the Service Level Agreement with AES as he is contracted for works through this company.

195. SECTION 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS - None

196. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF MONDAY 15th JULY 2024

Approved and confirmed as a correct record of the meeting.

RESOLVED ITEMS

197. UPDATE ON OPEN SPACES PROJECTS/GRANTS/COSTINGS

Prior to the meeting, Members present conducted a site visit to assess the fencing requirements for the new Bowling Pavilion. (See Recommendations to Full Council)
Councillor Mrs P. Upton provided the Committee with an update on the current developments, stating that the flooring in the new Bowling Pavilion had been assessed and that further issues had arisen. The Clerk informed Council that the concrete laid floor had been found to contain small elements of 'lignite' which, if not treated beforehand, would cause problems further down the line for the flooring. The Clerk confirmed that Council are working towards a timely solution in order that the remaining works could be completed. It was confirmed that some additional painting and hooks had been added to the football changing facilities, and the Chair thanked the Clerk and Cllr B. Charlesworth for their time with this work. The Chair reported that the toilets had been started and would be reported on further in due course.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO FULL COUNCIL

198. SLA QUARTERLY INSPECTIONS REPORT – JULY 2024 – FOR REVIEW

The report was reviewed and accepted. It was agreed to recommend removal of the wooden climbing frame to Full Council as the inspection had indicated that it posed a Medium Risk in terms of safety. The Deputy Clerk advised Members in respect of other matters that had been identified as Medium or Low/Medium Risk, and these were put to the Action Plan.

199. ROSPA ANNUAL REPORT – 2024/25 – FOR REVIEW

The report was reviewed and accepted. The main concern was identified as the fencing at Churchill Road and it was agreed that the Clerk would look to address this with Rob Wilkes at SMDC.

200. ADDITIONAL ROSPA REPORT ON KENILWORTH WALK – FOR REVIEW

Deferred as not received.

201. FENCING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE NEW BOWLING PAVILION

It was recommended that quotes should be obtained for fencing through AJ Beaman, who would be carrying out the works. The quotes should be for approximately 6ft sports fencing, which would be placed between the Pavilion and the garage, and additional fencing with integral gates from the Pavilion to the corner of the hedged section, with short wrap around. Additional fencing for the small section to the side of the small Bowling Pavilion should be sought in order to minimise ASB.

ACTION PLAN

202. TO ASSESS THE MEDIUM RISKS IDENTIFIED BY SLA AND ROSPA REPORTS

Kenilworth Walk
ROSPA - Balance Beam - All external accessible edges should be chamfered with a radius of at least 3 mm.
ROSPA - Algae growth giving slippery conditions.

Tean Road Report
Swing Saturn – Ground Eroded
Turnstile – Ground Eroded

MUGA – Safety cover replacement
Springy Large – Cover Required
Swing Cragle

Churchill Road
See Saw Glow Worm

203. BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS FOR 2025/26

The Deputy Clerk asked Members to consider any projects that may be considered towards the preparation of the Budget for 2025/26.

204. SLA EXPIRY 31ST MARCH 2025 – FOR REVIEW & RECOMMENDATION

It was agreed that a Working Party made up of Members of the Leisure & Operations Committee and the Finance & Resources Committee, and that this would be the recommendation to the Full Council.

205. STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE ARCHITECTURAL REPORT

Several matters were discussed from the report and it was agreed that this document would advise the Councils Action Plan in terms of security and safety.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

206. QUOTATION FROM CAMTEC FOR ADDITIONAL CCTV CAMERAS
It was resolved that this matter should be form part of the Budget Considerations for 2025/26, and that three quotes should be sought in order to achieve best value.

207. QUOTATION FOR WASTE BINS – FOR APPROVAL (MAINTENANCE BUDGET)
The quote from Merlin was approved in principle, however an additional quote was received during the meeting which reduced the price further. It was agreed that this should be explored in more detail prior to purchase, and the Merlin quote should be accepted if this is not possible.

208. QUOTATION FROM BENDCRETE FOR SKATE PARK REPAIRS
Both quotes were approved for the repairs to the skate park.

209. QUOTATIONS FROM RG JOINERS FOR REPLACEMENT DOORS IN FOOTBALL CHANGING ROOMS.
A Motion was put forward for the doors to be relaced but not painted, and this Motion was put forward as a Recommendation to Full Council.

210. QUOTATIONS FROM RG JOINERS FOR REPLACEMENT ROOFING ON SHEDS.
Deferred as not received.

211. FENCING FOR BOWLING PAVILION – TO REVIEW AND APPROVE
It was recommended that quotes should be obtained for fencing through AJ Beaman, who would be carrying out the works. The quotes should be for approximately 6ft sports fencing, which would be placed between the Pavilion and the garage, and additional fencing with integral gates from the Pavilion to the corner of the hedged section, with short wrap around. Additional fencing for the small section to the side of the small Bowling Pavilion should be sought in order to minimise ASB.

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

Signed…….