MINUTES OF THE CHEADLE TOWN COUNCIL LEISURE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2024.

317. PRESENT – Councillors Mrs. P Upton (Chair) I.W. Plant (Vice Chair), Ms L. Wood Williams, B. Charlesworth, M. Staton and S. Ellis

318. APOLOGIES – Councillors P. Routledge, D. Wilson, Miss Z. Routledge and Mrs K. Mills

319. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

320. SECTION 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS - None

321. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF MONDAY 21st OCTOBER 2024

Approved and confirmed as a correct record of the meeting.

RESOLVED ITEMS

322. UPDATE ON OPEN SPACES PROJECTS/GRANTS/COSTINGS

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 completed. She stated that the kitchen was in the process of being fitted and that the project was nearing completion, however there were a number of 'snagging' matters that were to be finalised. Cllr Upton reported that grant funding had been sought for the Solar Panels, that did not require match-funding, and that a quote had been received in respect of the installation of 12 Solar Panels. She confirmed that the quote was higher than the available grant funding, and Cllr M. Staton advised Members that the Committee should be looking to install what is affordable. It was agreed that some additional consideration should be given to the project, with an affordable specification. It was further agreed to chase up RG Joiners in respect of the internal doors for the football changing rooms and completion of the toilets.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO FULL COUNCIL

323. PROPOSALS FOR FREE CAR PARKING

Cllr I. Plant bought forward a conversation on the free car parking provision available to Council. He confirmed that the towns of Cheadle, Leek and Biddulph are all given a total of five free parking days by SMDC on their respective car parks, however Leek and Biddulph do not have a requirement to use theirs for the same number of events. He confirmed that one of the free parking days is allocated to the Cheadle Carnival Committee, one for the Christmas Lights event for Team Cheadle, and that this year one had been used for the Music event in June. Cllr Plant stated that given there was only therefore two available days to provide free parking during December, and to help local businesses he proposed writing to SMDC in order to address this situation. This proposal was supported and it is recommended to Full Council that this letter is sent once approved.

324. CHEADLE UNITED CHARITIES – FUNDING TOWARDS FOOTPATHS MAINTENANCE

It was reported that the Cheadle United Charities Committee had recommended to the Committee that there was funding of up to £5000 for repairs and maintenance to the footpaths on the Tean Road Recreation Ground. This funding was welcomed by Members who discussed the appropriate area in which the funding would improve the pathways and reduced risk to pedestrians. This was clarified as the pathways from the 'kissing' gate on Mill Road to the corner of the tennis courts by the small childrens' playground. It is therefore recommended to Full Council to approve this funding for the area identified.

ACTION PLAN

325. PROPOSED 'PARK RULES' SIGNAGE FOR PARKS

The Clerk provided a template for a proposed signage which would indicate the rules for the Tean Road park, and that this would assist the Community Reassurance Officer in terms of giving some boundaries to young park users. The signage was discussed, however Members felt that a more modern design may be more appropriate and asked for Cllr L. Wood Williams to work with the Clerk on this matter.

326. PROPOSED RULES FOR FOOTBALL CHANGING ROOMS/BOWLING PAVILION

After some minor alterations, the proposed signage put forward by the Clerk was approved to go internally in both locations.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

None

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

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