MINUTES OF THE CHEADLE TOWN COUNCIL LEISURE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 2023.

243. PRESENT – Councillors I.W. Plant (Vice Chair), G. Bentley, B. Charlesworth, D Wilson, P. Routledge, Miss Z. Routledge and S. Ellis

244. APOLOGIES – Councillors Mrs. P Upton (Chair), M. Haines, Mrs K. Mills, & M. Staton R. Talbot

245. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

246. SECTION 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS

None

247. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF MONDAY 17th JULY 2023

Approved and confirmed as a correct record.

RESOLVED ITEMS

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

The Clerk and Deputy Clerk advised Members that the most efficient way of considering items for the following years budget would be to carry out a full assessment of the Councils Assets on all sites, ascertain what areas require improvement, and then link those items through prioritised assessment to the budget, risk assessment and insurance policies of the Council. This would then put a plan in place to monitor and replace assets where required, and to budget each financial year accordingly. This method was agreed, and Councillors B. Charlesworth, S. Ellis and P. Routledge will form a Working Party to carry out the assessment.

249. JULY PLAYGROUND CHECKS – COMMITTEE TO REVIEW

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

250. COMMUNITY REASSURANCE PROGRAMME – ASB, LONE WORKING, BODYCAM

Councillors were informed that the ASB rates on the park were being managed between the Community Reassurance Officer and local PCSO's, who were now having regular meetings to address any issues. The Committee were informed that a request had been made through CAMTEC for the supply of a Bodycam to ensure the safety and security of those involved on the programme and park users, and take some positive steps to support the Lone Working Policy currently under review.

251. OUTSIDE PROJECT – PROPOSAL FOR MURAL ARTIST WORKSHOP

Members were updated on the Project and agreed that the proposals to create new murals on the skatepark were positive for users. The Workshop was agreed and it will be reported on further at future meetings.

252. SLA MEETING – UPDATE FROM CHAIR/VICE-CHAIR

Vice-Chair, Cllr I. Plant, provided a through update on the meeting that had taken place with AES officials, on the 11th September. Members raised some concern over the missed grass cuts to the Cemetery and Churchill Road Recreation Ground that had been reported and stated that this should be rectified and monitored in future.

ITEMS CONSIDERED UNDER RECOMMENDATION TO FULL COUNCIL

253. DISPOSAL OF OUT OF SERVICE MACHINES HELD BY CHEADLE TOWN COUNCIL

The Clerk advised Members that there was an opportunity to put the items through the Locketts Auction that was local in the town, and that any proceeds could then go into Council finances for use elsewhere. The items were identified as a Ransomes 61 Superbowl Mower, a Lawnmaster Golf Mower, Sises trio-rotorake Scarifier, Sises superturf-man Aerator and a John Deere 4100 hst Tractor. The old Christmas Lights for the Cheadle High Street, that are currently stored at the Tean Road site were also discussed for Auction, and it was agreed that all items should be put forward to Locketts for this purpose.

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

The Committee approved the specification proposals with some minor amendments to include insulated cladding to the roof and outer walls of the football changing rooms, which should be between 2” to 6” in depth in order to preserve the outer of the building, and appropriate fencing around the changing rooms in order to protect the asset and for storage. Councillor S. Ellis confirmed that there was a requirement to install fencing to protect the Bowling Pavilion and Greens from vandalism, and that the Council should factor in the costs of this and installation before the proposals went ahead.

ACTION PLAN – ITEMS FOR UPDATE AND PROGRESSION

255. ROSPA PLAYGROUND CHECKS

It was reported that the Clerk had been in contact with ROSPA who had indicated that they provided a service in the Staffordshire area during August of each year, and that this was at a vastly reduced cost of £75 per play area, plus additional expenses per item above 5 within each play area. Previous inspections on behalf of Cheadle Town Council had been carried out at this reduced cost, and it was agreed that it was not appropriate to pay the increased cost of £225 per play area for 2023, given that ROSPA records show that Cheadle Town Council has 6 identified play areas under its jurisdiction and safety checks were already in place through the Alliance. It was however, vitally important to book an inspection for 2024, and this was agreed by Members.

256. HOLES IN ROOF OF MIDDLE SHED AND DIGGER SHED

Cllr b. Charlesworth reported that he had looked at the damage with the Clerk, and it was not possible to make the necessary repair due to safety concerns accessing the identified damage. It was agreed that a cherry picker would be required, however it was agreed that any temporary measures to resolve the matter should be used first.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

257. REVIEW AND CONSIDER HAGS QUOTES FOR REPAIRS TO TRAMPOLINE AND TWO ROUNDABOUTS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO FULL COUNCIL

Members requested a breakdown of the cost that had been quoted.

258. REVIEW AND CONSIDER QUOTES FOR YOUTH SHELTER BASE FOR RECOMMENDATION TO FULL COUNCIL

The Clerk informed Members that two quotes had been received out of the four requests that had been sent out. It was identified that one of the two received quotes did not include the provision of a mesh insert that is designed to strengthen the solidity of the concrete base, and therefore Members asked if the company could adjust the quote accordingly. This was agreed by Members.

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

Signed…….