MINUTES OF THE CHEADLE TOWN COUNCIL LEISURE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19th FEBRUARY 2024.

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

572. APOLOGIES – Councillor Mrs. P Upton (Chair)

573. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor G. Bentley declared an interest in the item relating to the Tean Road pitch rolling as the Town Lengthsman and supplier of an associated quote.

574. SECTION 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS

None

575. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF MONDAY 22nd JANUARY 2024

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

RESOLVED ITEMS

576. UPDATE ON OPEN SPACES PROJECTS AND GRANTS

The Vice-Chair, Cllr I. Plant, reported that works on the Bowling Pavilion had been hampered by heavy rainfall and a considerable amount of water lying across the site. He confirmed that this had been required to be pumped out on a daily basis which had prevented progress, however the footings and block work were now at ground level. The Chair confirmed that he was working alongside the contractor and the building inspector to try and satisfy the conditions required for the build, and that he had sent some maps off to the Severn Trent Water Authority as part of the negotiations with them to address the wider drainage issues. He confirmed that the wider drainage issue had not been identified until the works had started on the Bowling Pavilion, and this had created an additional consideration for the Council. The Vice-Chair agreed to report progress on the Pavilion and drains in due course, and confirmed that the UKSPF Grant Funding was in the process of due diligence, but had been agreed up to the ground level. Cllr Mrs K. Mills asked that once the drainage had been assessed and repaired, whether a map of the local drainage could be drawn up for future use. This was welcomed, and agreed by Members. The Football Changing Rooms work continued, and it was reported that there was good progress. Councillor S. Ellis raised a concern that the site/building was accessible to non-contractors, and therefore open to anyone. Cllr I. Plant agreed to contact the appointed contractors in order to highlight this. A discussion took place in respect of the fencing around the Football Changing Rooms, and it was resolved that the Deputy Clerk would look at the legality of the fencing used by the contractor, and once complete a vote would be taken on whether they should be painted. It was agreed to contact the relevant authority in order to assess whether the painting could be done as part of a Community Service Order. It was confirmed that the Public Toilets had not yet been started due to the continued works ongoing on the adjacent Bowling Pavilion. It was confirmed that a mining report would be required, as per the instructions of the building inspector.

ITEMS CONSIDERED UNDER RECOMMENDATION TO FULL COUNCIL

577. CEMETERY UPDATE

The Deputy Clerk provided an update of the progression of the Cemetery extension, and reported on the works carried out as part of the planning conditions. It was reported that drilling thus far had not discovered any concerns around water levels on the site, however access to some areas of the site were not possible without the installation of the outer pathways. The Deputy Clerk displayed a map showing the proposed zones for the landscaping and layout of the cemetery extension, and stated that the next steps would be to obtain quotes for the paths and landscaping. The Vice-Chair put forward a motion to approve the Quantity Surveyor quote of £2400 + VAT to move the project forward, and allow the outstanding works to be started. It was agreed to put this forward to Full Council as a recommendation.

ACTION PLAN – ITEMS FOR UPDATE AND PROGRESSION

None

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

578. BOWLING GREEN BOARDS – REVIEW REPORT AND APPROVE

Cllr I. Plant reported on the pricing for the proposals to replace the boarding around the perimeter of the Bowling Greens, and a discussion took place in respect of the appropriate materials. The costs for both wood and plastic were reviewed and it was taken by a majority of Members that new wooden boards on Green 2 would be fitted on the outer and inner sections of the perimeter ditch, and the same for Green 1 where needed. The prices from Burtons were agreed for this purpose, and this decision was in common with that of the Finance & Resources Committee who had agreed this as part of the budget for repairs. Resolved item.

579. CEMETERY INSPECTIONS – TO APPROVE QOUTE RECEIVED

The quote for the Cemetery Inspections of £3.14 per grave was approved

580. PITCH ROLLING ON TEAN ROAD RECREATION GROUND

This matter was again deferred pending a quote from Leisure Centre contractors.

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

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