MINUTES OF THE CHEADLE TOWN COUNCIL LEISURE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19th JUNE 2023.

98. PRESENT – Councillors Mrs. P Upton (Chair), M. Haines (Vice-Chair), Mrs K. Mills, G. Bentley, B. Charlesworth, D Wilson, S. A. Ellis, M. Staton P. Routledge, Z. Routledge and I.W. Plant

99. APOLOGIES – None

100. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor G. Bentley declared an interest in Item 1 on the Confidential Items as he is known to the Contractor.

101. SECTION 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS

None

102. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF MONDAY 4th APRIL 2023

Approved and confirmed as a correct record.

RESOLVED ITEMS

103. TEAN ROAD RECREATION GROUND – OUT OF HOURS EMERGENCY ACCESS

The Clerk stated that as part of the Risk Assessment for the Tean Road Recreation Ground, there was a requirement to notify all Emergency Services of the appropriate access where required. It was confirmed that the main gates were currently being repaired, however it was decided that in order to provide safe access for larger vehicles, the metal gate off Mill Road would be the most appropriate access point. It was agreed that, despite this access having a chain and padlock, this would be accessible in an emergency as these could be easily cut off when required. Councillors agreed this course of action.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO FULL COUNCIL

104. COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP GRANT – COMMUNITY REASSURANCE PROGRAMME

Members were advised that the Grant had been received and that it had been confirmed as a retrospective Grant from the previous Financial Year. The Deputy Clerk confirmed that the Grant had no stipulations as to its spending. Cllr Mrs K. Mills informed Council that she had put in an application for the funding, on the understanding that it would be used to fund additional hours for the Community Reassurance Programme, and Councillors agreed that this would be the most appropriate way of utilising the Grant funding.

105. ROSPA SAFETY REPORT FOR 2023

Councillors were informed that the ROSPA Report for the Council's play equipment had not been in place since 2019. The matter was deferred for further investigation.

106. TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE REVISED PLAN FOR ACCESS ON THE CEMETERY EXTENSION

It was accepted that this matter had been covered at the Extraordinary Meeting that preceded the Leisure & Operations Committee Meeting.

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107. HAGS PLAY EQUIPMENT UPDATE- TRAMPOLINE, ZIP LINE AND REPLACEMENT SEAT.

Updates were provided on each piece of play equipment, and it was confirmed that the additional soakaway for the trampoline had been installed. The Deputy Clerk confirmed that quotes had been requested for the replacement trampoline. It was further confirmed that the zip line had been repaired, however there are ongoing queries in terms of its maintenance and accessibility. The replacement seat for the swings on the 'accessible for all' section of the play area, has been approved and ordered.

108. UPDATE ON FACILITIES AT TEAN ROAD RECREATION GROUND – SPECIFICATIONS

A lengthy discussion took place in respect of the Bowling Pavilion, Toilets (including ASB, Radar Lock and Doors to Disabled Toilets), and the proposed Youth Shelter. Cllr Mrs P. Upton stated that she had requested a quote from Hewitt & Carr in respect of projecting managing the re-build of the Bowling Pavilion, however some Councillors felt that this should have been agreed by the Committee beforehand. Cllr Upton stated that the request had been made in order to make progress on the development, and that the quotes would have been bought to the Committee once acquired. It was agreed that all proposed works which fell under the Leisure & Operations jurisdiction would need to be agreed by the Committee, under it's Action Plan, in future. Members agreed that the situation with the disabled toilets was a priority, and quotes had been requested in order to replace the disabled toilet access doors and fit with a Radar Lock. Youth Shelters were discussed in various forms and it was decided that Members and the Clerks would work with the younger park users and the Community Reassurance Programme to determine the appropriate location(s) and design for the shelter. A discussion also took place in respect of the removal of the concrete base on Churchill Road. Cllr M. Haines advised Council that it had been removed on Health & Safety Grounds, and that its poor condition warranted this course of action. It was confirmed that the cost of the removal was £1650 plus VAT. Again, a number of Councillors questioned the fact that it had been removed without Committee approval, and that the residents of Churchill Road had been adversely affected in terms of its underground services and pest control considerations. Cllr Mrs K. Mills stated that the Committee should be aware of all works prior to commencement or quotes, and that all future projects should be discussed by the Committee, and approved, before quotes are obtained. The Chair, Cllr Mrs P. Upton, confirmed that she would accept the comments made, and that all future proposals would be set out clearly and concisely.

109. PLAY EQUIPMENT QUARTERLY REPORT – APRIL 2023

Members considered the quarterly report received from AES in terms of the play equipment, and confirmed that the priority requirements were already being addressed.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

110. PROPOSAL TO REPLACE DAMAGED FENCE AT BROOKHOUSE WAY – KENILWORTH WALK (ACTION PLAN)

Cllr Mrs P. Upton provided Members with some photographic evidence of the condition of the fencing on land off Brookhouse Way that was bestowed to Cheadle Town Council in 2005 following the completion of the housing development. It was confirmed that this fence was the responsibility of Cheadle Town Council, and that quotes were being sought in terms of its repair. A number of options were discussed, and it was agreed that quotes would be bought back to the Committee when acquired.

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

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