MINUTES OF THE CHEADLE TOWN COUNCIL LEISURE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21st OCTOBER 2024.

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

264. ABSENT – Councillor M. Staton

265. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

266. SECTION 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS - None

267. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF MONDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2024

Approved and confirmed as a correct record of the meeting.

RESOLVED ITEMS

268. UPDATE ON OPEN SPACES PROJECTS/GRANTS/COSTINGS

Councillor Mrs P. Upton provided the Committee with an update on the current developments, stating that the additional work to the flooring in the new Bowling Pavilion had been approved and would commence soonest. She stated that fencing quotes were on the Agenda in Confidential, and if approved would be put forward as a recommendation to Full Council. It was confirmed that the football changing facilities were virtually completed and that the toilets were moving forward. Cllr S. Ellis informed Members that the external lighting on the Bowling Pavilion was on 'frequently' and asked if something could be done to adjust the motion sensors accordingly. It was agreed that the Clerk would address this with the contractor.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO FULL COUNCIL

269. ROSPA REPORT ON KENILWORTH WALK – FOR REVIEW

The report was reviewed and a recommendation was made to reinstate the goalposts under the ROSPA Inspectors guidance. The Inspector concluded that it is difficult to have "no risk" on land of that size, however he did provide some measures that would reduce risk significantly, and allow the goalposts to be reinstated at a lower risk. Any damage or injury that is found to be the responsibility of Cheadle Town Council would be covered by the Councils Public Liability Insurance, and the facility will be periodically monitored in any event. £400 was recommended for installation costs.

ACTION PLAN

270. BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS FOR 2025/26

A number of items were put forward for consideration and a report will be sent to the Deputy Clerk for consideration. Flooring options for the football changing rooms, furniture for the Bowling Pavilion, more picnic tables on the Tean Road site and Reserves for both Solar Panel projects and pathways/fencing, additional CCTV and Wreath Shelves for use on the War Memorial. A request was also made for consideration of Speed Indicator Devices for the town.

271. SMALL BOWLING PAVILION – RECOMMENDATIONS AND QUOTES

The small Bowling Pavilion was discussed, and the Clerk reminded Members that quotes had already been sought in respect of this project. The Clerk stated that a quote had been received, however most of the companies approached had stated that the Pavilion was beyond repair and needed replacing. He confirmed that this view was shared by the local Rotary group who had supplied the original Pavilion. Despite this, Members felt that the Pavilion was worth restoring and the fact that it was made from cedar would prolong its longevity. Members approved Cllr I. Plant to secure some quotes for the required works.

272. TREES AROUND BOWLING GREEN NO.1 – QUOTES FOR REMOVAL

The trees were discussed and it was confirmed that the existence of the trees was causing some concern in respect of both the CCTV coverage and also the pathways and tarmac surfacing around them which had lifted and become a safety consideration. Members approved Cllr I. Plant to secure some quotes for the required works.

273. REQUEST FROM CHEADLE SMU U-11's TO USE THE TEAN ROAD PITCH

This matter was discussed and it was confirmed that Cheadle SMU U-11's had requested use of the pitch for the following season. The Clerk informed Members that there were two teams playing on the pitch at the present time, and that a smaller pitch had been provided at Tean Road previously. He also stated that the blue lines that had previously been used on the adult pitch had caused some issues for the other teams that use it. Given there was some time to finalise this on behalf of Cheadle SMU, the matter was deferred for further discussion with all teams and the possibility of providing a separate pitch next to the adult pitch.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

274. QUOTATION FROM CAMTEC FOR ADDITIONAL CCTV CAMERAS

Members considered the quotes acquired for additional CCTV coverage on the Tean Road site. It was resolved that the quote from CAMTEC be put forward as a budget consideration for the following term, and that the funds remaining in the budget for CCTV from the current year should be put into a CCTV reserve towards this project.

275. QUOTES FOR FENCING FOR BOWLING PAVILION – TO REVIEW AND APPROVE

The quotes received for fencing and gates to be utilised around the new Bowling Pavilion were reviewed and Quote 4 was recommended for approval. This would allow the tarmac surface to be completed once the fencing was in place.

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

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