MINUTES OF THE CHEADLE TOWN COUNCIL LEISURE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 12TH JANUARY 2023.

379. PRESENT – Councillors I.W. Plant (Vice-Chair), C. Chell, Mrs. P Upton, G. Bentley, D. Wilson and A.D.J. Thomas

380. APOLOGIES – Councillors R. Locker, R. N. Wood, Mrs K. Mills (Chair), D. Ottley, M. Staton, Mrs E. Whitehouse, N. A, Wood and P. Keeling.

381. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

382. SECTION 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS

None

RESOLVED ITEMS

383. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THURSDAY 8th DECEMBER 2022

Approved and confirmed as a correct record. (1 Abs)

384. FIXED MEETING DATES FOR THE LEISURE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Committee members confirmed that meetings should take place on the first Tuesday of each month in Council Chambers.

385. COMMITTEE TO APPROVE DATE OF SITE VISIT TO TEAN ROAD RECREATION GROUND

Committee Members confirmed that they would meet on Saturday 21st January 2023 at 10.30am

RECOMMENDATIONS TO FULL COUNCIL

None

ACTION PLAN FOR LEISURE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

386. TRAMPOLINE AND ZIP LINE – TEAN ROAD RECREATION GROUND

This matter was deferred in order for Cllr I. Plant to make contact with contractors/SMDC in order to secure replacement parts and make the necessary repairs.

387. HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT- COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE REPORT SUBMITTED BY AES IN RESPECT OF THE WORKS BUILDING ON THE TEAN ROAD RECREATION GROUND

This matter was deferred in order for a specification to be drawn up of the required works within the building.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO FULL COUNCIL CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

388. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CONTRACT

Committee were presented with a quote from City Illuminations which identified the costs for a continuation of their services in respect of installation of the Christmas Lights and Bunting for the town. The quote confirmed that the service could be provided at a cost of £11,900 + VAT per annum as a fixed price for three years. It was confirmed that the Finance & Resources Committee had identified this as being within budget, and it was considered that this figure represented a small rise from previous years. **Therefore the Leisure & Operations Committee make the recommendation that this quote is accepted.**

389. ALLOTMENTS PEST CONTROL CONTRACT

Committee were presented with a quote of £229.17 excluding VAT from SMDC which offered a continued service for a Pest Control Treatment programme at the Allotment site on Delphouse Road. **The quote of £229.17 is recommended for approval**.

390. TEAN ROAD RECREATION GROUND GATES – STONEWORK & IRONWORK

Committee were informed that the Ironwork Contractor had not yet provided a quote for the repairs to the gates, and that this was due to the fact that the stonework had not been completed correctly. Committee were told that the contractor could not provide an estimate for the transport costs, and was advising Council that the gates may have to be transported from the workshop to the recreation ground several times, if the Stonework is not accurate in terms of position. The Contractor has indicated that the gates would not hang correctly if the stone pillars were out of position, and this would mean that the gates would have to go through a process of adjustment, which would increase the cost somewhat.

Committee were further informed that the Stonework Contractor had made representations for payment as he believed he had completed the agreed contractual requirements. The Contractor had confirmed that he had not quite completed the finish on the stonework, however this was due to the instructions from the Town Council to postpone any more work until negotiations with the ironwork contractor had concluded. The Clerk confirmed that Cheadle Town Council representatives had spent considerable time making efforts to mediate between the two parties, however it was clear that the relationship between the two contractors had broken down, and would not be reconcilable. Following mediation, the stonework contractor had agreed to reduce his costs by £250, leaving a final bill payment of £2,250 (less £750 deposit) however he is now considering legal action against the Council for 'late payment'.

It was recognised by the Committee that the situation was not going to be resolved through the current contractors, and therefore the recommendation to Full Council is as follows:-

i) Complete contractual obligations with George Plant (Stonework) through payment of adjusted contract. (£1500 in total)

ii) Obtain quote from alternative Stonework Contractor to align gates accordingly.

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

Signed…….