

Minutes of a Meeting of the Leisure Services Committee held at the Oakwood Centre on Tuesday 7 June 2011 at 8 pm

Present: *Councillors K. Gilder (Chairman); J. Cheng; A. Downes; L. Hayward; S. Outen; S. Rahmouni; M. Willson*

In attendance: *A. Bunn, Leisure Services Manager; D. Mander, Town Clerk; K. Murray, Service Support Manager*

Apologies: *Councillors T. Barker, W. Soane*

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

Councillors Gilder and Barker were duly nominated and upon being put to the vote it was

RESOLVED:

- ◆ that Councillor Gilder be appointed Chairman of the committee for the 2011/12 municipal year.

2. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

Councillors Outen and Cheng were duly nominated and upon being put to the vote it was

RESOLVED:

- ◆ that Councillor Outen be appointed Vice Chairman of the committee for the 2011/12 municipal year.

3. **MINUTES OF THE LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE – 29 MARCH 2011**

The Town Clerk reported that the appended minutes now included reference to Woodley Food Bank and the decision to approve the use of Coronation Hall by this organisation for a charge of £60 a year. The minutes presented to Council on 17 May 2011 had omitted this item.

RESOLVED:

- ◆ that the minutes of the Leisure Services Committee of 29 March 2011 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made.

5. **BUDGETARY CONTROL**

a. **RESOLVED:**

- ◆ to note Report No. LS 10/11.

b. **RESOLVED:**

- ◆ to note Report No. LS 11/11.

6. **LEISURE CENTRES**

The Leisure Services Manager presented Report No. LS 12/11.

Sports Development

In response to questions about the Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) Community targeted funding the Leisure Services Manager explained that the funding from

Wokingham Borough Council was intended to encourage members of the BME community to take part in sporting activities to increase their participation which was low both locally and nationally. He confirmed that both the Sports Club for Families and Aqua Fit for women were open to all. Members were pleased to note that since the publication of the report the funding towards the Family Club had increased from £400 to £2,700. Members also noted the Aqua Fit for women grant of £780.

Active Celebration Weekend 17 – 19 June

The Leisure Services Manager reported on the final arrangements for the weekend. It was noted that the Sid Hopkins football tournament, originally arranged for this weekend, would now take place on 4 September following a clash with another football tournament that weekend at Woodford Park.

Bulmershe Leisure Centre

Racquet Attack

The Leisure Services Manager and his staff were congratulated for providing this low cost activity for young people in the past and it was noted that numbers had increased year on year.

The Leisure Services Manager and staff at the centre were also congratulated for the improved score following the Institute of Qualified Lifeguards audit and the continuing increase in Swim School numbers.

Woodford Park Leisure Centre

The Leisure Services Manager reported that 20 children had attended the playscheme during half term and it had made a small profit. The summer holiday playscheme would be promoted at the Council's stall at the carnival that weekend.

Members noted that the Cecil Trembath Kwik Cricket tournament on 18 May had been rained off and had been rescheduled for 15 June.

RESOLVED:

- ◆ to note Report No. LS 12/11.
- ◆ that Bulmershe Leisure Centre be closed for the Bank Holiday Monday 29 August and that Woodford Park Leisure Centre be open between the hours of 9.00 am and 5.00 pm on that day.
- ◆ to approve the Racquet Attack promotion at Bulmershe Leisure Centre, as proposed.

7. PARKS AND BUILDINGS

The Service Support Manager presented Report No. LS 13/11.

Woodford Park Leisure Centre

The Service Support Manager updated Members on the alterations being made at the centre to create an enclosed outdoor space for Woodley Pre School. The doorway from the function room to outside had now been created. The project was being funded by the pre-school.

Bulmershe Leisure Centre

In response to questions about the parking problems at the centre's car park the Service Support Manager confirmed that signage type and design was being discussed with Wokingham Borough Council and that the problems had been raised with the neighbouring schools and business.

Woodford Park and Memorial Ground

Members noted the Rotary Club of Loddon Vale's intention to improve the pond and nature garden area and that plans would be discussed with the Council once formulated.

Members supported the intention to extend and increase wild flower areas in the park in future.

Under this item Councillor Rahmouni reported the very positive feedback he had received on the bowling green from a member of a bowling club outside Woodley and congratulated the grounds staff.

Members noted the anticipated start date of 27 June for the installation of the skate spot and that plans would be made for a formal opening event.

The Chairman thanked all the teams responsible for the work reported at the meeting and asked that this be passed on to the staff concerned.

RESOLVED:

- ◆ to note Report No. 13/11.

8. **TOURNAMENTS WORKING PARTY**

a. **RESOLVED:**

- ◆ to approve the terms of reference of the working party of the Tournaments Working Party, as attached.

b. Following discussion on the membership make up and numbers it was

RESOLVED:

- ◆ that, in line with the agreed terms of reference, membership of the Tournaments Working Party total four for the 2011/12 municipal year.

c. **RESOLVED:**

- ◆ to appoint Councillors Challis, Gilder, Outen and Soane to serve on the Tournaments Working Party for the 2011/12 municipal year.

9. **PUBLICITY AND WEB SITE**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ to publicise the following:
 - Skate Spot
 - Swim for £1
 - Racquet Attack
 - Aqua Swim
 - Active Celebration Weekend

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Chairman