

Woodley Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Leisure Services Committee held at the Oakwood Centre on Tuesday 28 May 2013 at 8 pm

Present: *Councillors B. Franklin (Chairman); T. Barker; P. Challis; A. Chadwick; S. Outen; S. Rahmouni; W. Soane*

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

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN**

Having been duly nominated it was

RESOLVED:

- ◆ to appoint Councillor Franklin as Chairman of the committee for the municipal year.
- ◆ to appoint Councillor Barker as Vice Chairman of the committee for the municipal year.

2. **APOLOGIES**

Councillor A. Downes

3. **MINUTES OF THE LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE – 9 APRIL 2013**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ that the minutes of the Leisure Services Committee of 9 April 2013 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Soane	Agenda Item 7 Parks and Buildings	Interest Councillor Soane is a member of the Carnival Committee that hires Council leisure facilities
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5. **BUDGETARY CONTROL**

The Town Clerk presented Report No. LS 13/13 and responded to questions regarding the comparison of actual income and expenditure at 30 April against the estimated figures at that date.

RESOLVED:

- ◆ to note Report No. LS 13/13.

6. **LEISURE CENTRES**

The Leisure Services Manager presented Report No. LS 14/13.

GP Referral and Cardiac Rehab

Members were pleased to note that local residents would soon be able to take part in the GP Referral scheme at Woodford Park Leisure Centre. They also considered the proposed arrangements with Wokingham Borough Council for a delivery of a Cardiac Rehab scheme at the centre. Under this item the Town Clerk agreed to investigate how the Council's contribution could be reflected in the budget figures.

Woodley Sports Week

The Leisure Services Manager reported that 2,200 children and young people had taken part in the events over the previous week. He thanked the Councillors who had attended the events, in particular Councillor Outen for his help at the gala, and gave special thanks to the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress who had been present at almost every activity during the week.

In response to a question as to whether the event would continue next year the Leisure Services Manager confirmed he would be arranging to meet with all the primary school head teachers who were keen to see the event continue despite the removal of some funding and was hopeful that the week would go ahead in 2014. The Chairman, who had attended the events in his role as Deputy Mayor, said that the joy and enthusiasm of the children had been enormous and it would be a shame if the event ceased.

Rounders

The Leisure Services Manager reported that Waingels College and Bulmershe School would be taking part in the rounders events and that the event in Woodford Park would be open to all. He confirmed that the funding would cover all the planned activities. Members thanked the Leisure Services Manager and his team for their work in increasing income to the Council.

Free Swimming

In response to a question the Leisure Services Manager confirmed that the £5,000 funding secured from Public Health to provide free swimming to everyone up to the age of 18 was a new source of funding. It was agreed that officers investigate whether there was an alternative to using library cards as proof of residency following a question of whether this was the most effective way for children to gain access to the free swimming, particularly those for whom English was a second language.

Redevelopment – Woodford Park Leisure Centre

The Leisure Services Manager reported on the meeting with the consultant from Sports Solutions which Councillors Challis and Outen had attended. The consultant would be putting together a business case for the project and would be meeting with Woodley Football Forum and with the Berks and Bucks Football League and the Football Association.

RESOLVED:

- ◆ that Councillor Outen continue to liaise with Woodley Football Forum on behalf of the committee.
- ◆ That the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Councillors Challis and Outen liaise with consultants through this stage of the project and be invited to attend any meetings regarding the project.

Members were also pleased to note:
the progress of the Healthy Habits scheme
that the Leisure Apprentice was now in post
the new bookings at both Bulmershe and Woodford Park Leisure Centres, making almost full use of the facilities.

RESOLVED:

- ◆ to note Report No. 14/13.

- ◆ To approve the August Bank Holiday opening hours as follows:

	Bulmershe Leisure Centre	Woodford Park Leisure Centre
26 August	Closed	9.00 am – 5.00 pm
- ◆ To approve the proposal for the free use of half the sports hall at Woodford Park Leisure Centre to run a Cardiac Rehab class in Woodley, in return for Wokingham Borough Council funding the instructor costs and covering the costs of two Town Council officers being trained and qualified to run a Cardiac Rehab programme.
- ◆ To give a vote of thanks to the Leisure Services Manager for all his work in developing sporting activities in the town.

The Chairman proposed and it was

RESOLVED:

- ◆ that Item 8, Woodley Bowling Club, be taken as the next item of business.

7. **WOODLEY BOWLING CLUB**

The Chairman welcomed Marjorie Codling to the meeting and invited her to present her request to the committee. Mrs Codling explained that the club would be celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2014 and were looking to maximise income to the club as other bowls clubs had done by displaying advertising around the green when the clubs were playing. She confirmed that these would not be visible from outside the green and that the boards/banners would be removed each day. As part of their celebrations next year England Bowls would be sending a team, which would be an extra cost, and expensive repairs to the motorised blinds in the club house were required. Mrs Codling responded to several questions and confirmed that she and the club were well aware and thankful for the Council's support. She also informed the meeting of the many positive comments that had been made about the standard of the green.

RESOLVED:

- ◆ that Woodley Bowling Club be allowed to display A0 size advertising boards and banners around the green, subject to their being taken down when the club was not playing.

8. **PARKS AND BUILDINGS**

The Service Support Manager presented Report No. LS 15/13.

Woodford Park Leisure Centre

Members noted that designs to improve the entrance to the centre were being developed and would be presented to a meeting of the working party for consideration.

**Memorial Ground - Civic Space/War Memorial
Roses Funfair**

The Service Support Manager reported that the topographical survey had taken place that day and the landscape architect would be providing a cost and design specification.

Under this item Councillor Soane reported that the Woodley War Memorial fund now stood at £15,000. The Woodley War Memorial Project was continuing its fundraising and hoped to involve the schools again. Councillor Soane thanked Councillor Outen

for raising funds through sponsorship for running the Woodley 10k race. He also highlighted the success of the run, organised by Woodley Scouts group which had now become a major event that enhanced the town.

It was noted that Roses Fun Fair had been happy with their stay in Woodley in spite of the inclement weather.

Malone Park

The Service Support Manager reported that the planned works to replace the fence and repair the wet pour surface were scheduled to take place before the summer holidays.

RESOLVED:

- ◆ to note Report No. LS 15/13.

9. **PUBLICITY AND WEB SITE**

RESOLVED:

- ◆ to publicise the following:
 - Woodley War Memorial Plan, once agreed

Meeting closed at 8.56 pm

Chairman