

LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT Cttee notes – from meeting held on Tuesday 19th March 2024 at 9.30am

REP L and E 2/2024

Item	Subject	Details	
1	Present	<p>Clrs Miller (JM), Palmer (MP) and Wells (MW).</p> <p>MEETING NOT QUORATE. Discussion Only.</p> <p>Also present the Town Clerk. No members of the public.</p> <p>Cllr Wells was appointed as Chair of the meeting.</p>	
2	Apologies and Declarations of Interest	<p>There were apologies for absence from Cllr Redington, Cllr Sutton, and Cllr Goldsmith</p>	
3	Minutes of the previous meeting	<p><i>To note the minutes of the previous meeting - notes from Jan 2024. All agreed.</i></p>	
5	Standing Orders-public section.		
6	Environmental matters – timelines and completion dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ferry Road Garden and the area to the side and behind it – including ongoing request for volunteers, water bowser, accessibility, additional plants, request for information board.</i> Funding application being submitted to improve frontage of garden and access from Jubilee Bridge as well as a Notice Board which will serve as a thank you to the volunteers with sponsors logos, history re the location of the site. SCC Cllr Ladd has offered £1k from his locality allocation 2024.2025. Cllr Goldsmith to ask Robert Beevor for bluebells/snowdrops – outstanding. Opening on 6th March 2024 was well attended. Water for the site organised by Cllr Wells via the provision of an old bath. Water bowser – Cllr Goldsmith to collect – outstanding. • <i>Marshes update (alongside landlords cttee) – recent meeting held with tenant – update provided by the Town Clerk. Further meeting arranged this week after the low tides to assess how much water still needs to be drained. Foxes on the marsh has been described by a member of the public as being an issue. Suffolk Wildlife Trust to be asked to be asked to carry out an assessment. Note - No shooting is permitted on the marshes.</i> • <i>Other garden maintenance works updates – including Gardner Rd verges.</i> Members advised that they would provide details of any possible handy person/ gardener they become aware of. Skip has been provided to remove some of the rubbish from Electricity Green. 	<p>JM/LB</p> <p>ML</p> <p>PG</p> <p>PG</p> <p>LB</p>
7	Leisure and Other matters	<p><i>Shelter on North Parade project update.</i> This is being progressed by the Geography Academy and James Mellish. Shelter is being painting in advance of the boards being erected.</p> <p><i>Community Payback / community self-help scheme projects – seafront railings project is on the list for 2024 – await start date.</i></p> <p><i>Fingerpost for Field Stile Road.</i> Fingerpost is held at Town Hall – await formal licence from ESC – discussion re license fee ongoing.</p>	<p>LB</p>

		<p><i>Public Wi Fi extension</i> – Grant funding for the Wi fi extension to Gun Hill need to be used by end March and the project is being progressed by ESC / Proximity Futures to erect on Casino.</p> <p><i>Stocks from Bartholomew Green</i> – The old stocks were deemed a hazard and have been removed and being held with C and D who have assessed them and advise that new ones will need to be made as these are irreparable. Quote £2865.70 from C and D. SCC Cllr Ladd has offered to fund £1k from his Locality Budget for 2024.2025. Recommended to proceed with C and D with request to STC to allocate £ 1865.70 from the L and E Budget to this project.</p> <p><i>Play area repairs</i> – over the past 12 months one piece of play equip has been removed from Tibbys play area and the tunnels now need full repair. Cost £2493.17 agreed as an emergency repair. Equipment on this play area to be considered for upgrade/ replacement – all cttee members to visit site.</p> <p><i>Skatepark – Klondyke</i> – work has commenced this week on the new skatepark.</p> <p><i>Town Sign repairs</i> – The Town Sign has been removed from Electricity Green due to the post and sign having rot which needs repair. Posts are on order and will be installed in due course. Quote received for the restoration of the Sign and making good - £750 including materials. Other quotes to be obtained. L and E request budget of £1k from the L and E Budget to select and proceed with project.</p> <p><i>Electricity Green – Water</i> – Cllr Beavan to be asked to fund cost of new water butt/ guttering to assist with watering at the site from next Locality allocation. It was considered that an outside tap was not appropriate at this site.</p> <p><i>Benches St Edmunds Green</i> – Although St Edmunds Green is owned by ESC, ESC advises that some of the benches belong to STC. ESC advise that these should be on a concrete plinth on H and S grounds these days. As some also need refurbishment it was suggested that J Hammet be asked to take a look initially.</p> <p><i>Greenseas Bin for prom</i> – Both STC and ESC applied for a bin and ESC has been successful in being awarded one for the prom which will be situated close to the lifeguard hut nearest to the Pier.</p> <p><i>CCTV project for Town Hall</i> – Ordered.</p> <p><u>Civic events</u> <i>D Day 80th anniversary commemoration event 6th June 2024 – update.</i> Mindful that this is a weekday event, and not in a school holiday it was agreed that the activities would be limited to a church service. Discussions ongoing with Rev Gant. Proposed that service would be at 6pm or 7pm on 6th June – starting at the church and then with a walk to the beach for the closure of the service. Commemorative flags purchased for town hall and church. Service will be ecumenical. Cllr Wells liaising with Rev Gant re payers/ poems. Relatives of any D Day veterans to web asked for memories.</p> <p><i>Charter Fair and Charter Lunch</i> – Thursday 30th May 2024 from 11.30am. Charter lunch is being organised following several years of not having an event. It will be tied into the theme of 50 years of Local Government.</p> <p><i>Civic Sunday 23rd June 2024</i> – Leiston Town Band will attend. This will be a joint ecumenical service with the Arts Festival. Arrangements are ongoing with Rev Gant.</p>	<p>All Cttee members</p> <p>LB</p> <p>DB</p> <p>LB/CS</p> <p>MW</p> <p>LB/CS</p> <p>LB/CS</p>
8	Date of next meeting	TBC	

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