

**LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT notes – from meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 6.30pm.**

**REP L and E 3/2022**

**AGENDA**

Item	Subject	Details
	Skatepark community group	<p>Skatepark community group</p> <p>Mel Wilson and Trevor Clifford were present on behalf of the group to update members on the community part of the new skatepark project.</p> <p>Next event will take place on Klondyke on 14<sup>th</sup> Aug – see poster. This will be an opportunity to promote the project and also to introduce more children to skateboarding.</p> <p>Ash Lever from Smash Skates will carry out the coaching.</p> <p>There will be surveys to be completed by those attending asking what facilities they would like, as well as a donation box.</p> <p>Present pledges are in the region of £44k. All donees will be represented with plaques/ tiles on the completed facility.</p> <p>Aim is to raise £100k.</p> <p>From the previous surveys the community group has a good idea of what people would like in the new facility, and are considering getting potential design layouts drawn up so that these can be shown to the planning officers for initial feedback prior to a full application being submitted. The plans will need to be sympathetic in view of the AONB status, risk from flooding, and closeness to residential neighbours etc.</p> <p>Discussion took place about who the owner of the equipment would be once the project had been completed. The Community Group envisage that once the new facility is installed, the asset and its warranties, maintenance, insurance, and ongoing care will revert to STC (as at present). This will negate the need for the community group to have any ongoing liability. This to be detailed within the memorandum of understanding.</p>
	<b>Chair of CTEE</b>	<p>To appoint a chair of cttee for 2022/2023.</p> <p>MRR advised that he will stand down from the position of Chairperson that he has held since 2018.</p> <p>Discussion was held as to whether the cttee ought to be consolidated with Landlords cttee.</p> <p>It was considered that some subjects discussed by L and E might also be discussed by Landlords as owners of the land – i.e., marshes, play areas etc. However, it was recognised that both have full agendas already without taking on more subjects/ projects.</p> <p>The Clerk reminded members that cttees would be reviewed after the election in 2023, depending on the knowledge and preferences of future Cllrs.</p> <p>Lengthy discussion about the potential for future mgt of the marshes, and when this might be able to move forward. Members were advised that the tenants have applied for the new funding streams, the results of which should be announced around Sept 2022. It was suggested that it would therefore be</p>

		<p>better that L and E carry on as present until at least the result of the funding application was known, as that might determine the amount of resources/ work required by STC as landowner, (and whether council would need to engage with a project manager on this to take on the work on behalf of STC). MRR presently looks after the day-to-day concerns re the marshes and without his expertise, a professional manager will be required. Gratitude was expressed to MRR for all of his work in this respect.</p> <p><b>After discussion above it was proposed by JS, seconded by MRR that PG be chairperson of the cttee for 2022/2023. Other members to consider this at next meeting. MRR to continue his role regarding the marshes.</b></p>
1	<b>Present</b>	<p>Cllrs Rowan-Robinson (MRR), Goldsmith (PG) and Sutton (JS). and the Town Clerk. 2 members of Skatepark community group left before item 1 above.</p> <p>Due to a lack of quorum, it was agreed that this would be a working group meeting to catch up on projects that are already taking place.</p>
2	<b>Apologies and Declarations of Interest</b>	Apologies were received from Cllrs Bradbury and Jordan - these were noted.
3	<b>Minutes of previous meeting</b>	To note the minutes of the previous meeting. Noted.
4	<b>Standing Orders- public section.</b>	See Skatepark community group as above. No other members of the public were present.
5	<b>Environmental matters – timelines and completion dates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Town maintenance including Hemlock treatment</i> - The Hemlock maintenance is up to date by Vertas and will continue as per schedule required.</li> <li>• <i>Willow tree</i> – side of Golf Club – concern was raised about this tree – this to be referred to C/T mgt trustees.</li> <li>• <i>Town Trail – progress.</i> Sky seats have been installed and are receiving many compliments and are being widely used. The remainder of the Boards/ information sheets/sculptures will be installed by end of August. A request was made for the grant deadline date to be extended to the end of August to enable the museum volunteers to complete information fact checking.</li> <li>• <i>Ferry Road Garden</i> – It was noted that some of the trees are dying due to lack of water – this has been notified to the contractor. The contractor has advised that due to issues with staff resources, the project is slightly behind target, but that he will work on site several weekends in July to bring it back on track. It was noted that the trees designated as requiring moving are still in situ – contractor advises that these will be moved to their new location in Sept. Contractor will continue to water site as required. It was suggested that in view of the location of the garden, it might be possible to offer volunteer resources from those who helped on the Waters Copse Project and that this might assist the contractor with resources to ensure that the garden is maintained and completed as per initial plan. Help from the AONB volunteers was also suggested. It was</li> </ul>

		<p>noted that this garden had originally been designed and maintained by volunteers, and that this would therefore be a link to the history of the garden. PG to speak to contractor to see if this could be taken forward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Swift Boxes</i> - STC has not been successful in application for swift boxes from AONB, but Bill Hancock has some available and is offering to provide these to STC.</li> <li>• <i>Footway skirting and vegetation clearance</i> –See e mail from SCC Cllr Ladd re this initiative from SCC. Might's Road to be put forward for consideration.</li> <li>• <i>Might's Bridge – volunteer project.</i> A member of the public has volunteers offering to clear footways either side, and on Might's Bridge, and the member of public is in liason with the Self-Help Community Team at SCC.</li> <li>• <i>Footpaths – see also PROW group notes.</i> A member of SCC Rights of Way has been invited to the next meeting of the group. Feedback on the cutting of the footpath has been good.</li> <li>• <i>Marshes management including ditch, sluice and culvert works</i> There are no works pending. Water levels are good. Meeting with EA held, at which EA advised that they are not responsible for the dam, but that they are responsible for the sluice working ok. Rope had been tied onto sluice – unknown why this had happened or who had done it. Within the grant funding application submitted by the tenant they have included capital works to replace the dam.</li> <li>• <i>Prom and beach – see beach cttee notes</i> Date of next meeting not yet set.</li> </ul>
6	<b>Leisure and Other matters</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Skatepark open day – see above</i></li> <li>• <i>Town Wi Fi – Soft launch</i> will take place in Aug.</li> <li>• <i>Events - debrief of events held.</i> Jubilee events went very well. Music on the Green is being held by the Lions at end of July – residents' concerns have been advised to Lions Club.</li> <li>• <i>Future events - First Light event Oct 2023.</i> As part of First Light Lowestoft, there is funding to put on events in the market towns. Southwold event will be based on health and wellbeing and is likely to take place 22/23<sup>rd</sup> Oct depending on venue availability.</li> <li>• <i>Finger posts update.</i> Location agreed by all. Cost to install has been provided – cost to supply is awaited.</li> <li>• <i>Updates on other matters previously agreed.</i> Tiles to go back on electricity green – all tiles sorted and now need to be cleaned, and put onto a hard backing, before hanging back on wall. Quotes awaited.</li> </ul>
7	<b>Date of next meeting</b>	Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> September at 6pm

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