

LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT Cttee notes – from meeting held on Wednesday 31st January 2024 at 9.30am

REP L and E 1/2024

Item	Subject	Details
1	Present	<p>Cllrs Goldsmith (PG), 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>
2	Apologies and Declarations of Interest	<p>There were apologies for absence from Cllr Redington and Cllr Sutton.</p>
3	Minutes of the previous meeting	<p><i>To note the minutes of the previous meeting - notes from Oct 2023. 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, formal opening date, request for information board. Location of Salt Pot. Going to try and get – disabled access/noticeboard. Salt Pot – leave where it is due to costs of moving and the fact that it can be well seen in the present location. Someone will be needed to do monthly gardening of Ferry Road Garden supported by work of volunteers. Noticeboard – funding is being applied for – it will serve as a thank you to the volunteers with sponsors logos, history re the location of the site and referencing the location of the Salt Pot. Cllr Wells to donate heather. Cllr Goldsmith to ask Robert Beevor for bluebells/snowdrops. Plants/bulbs need to be English of blue/white colour. Opening date – Wednesday 6th March 2024 at 9.30am. Water for the site is being organised by Cllr Wells via the provision of an old bath. Water bowser – Cllr Goldsmith to collect.</i> • <i>Connection of Jubilee Bridge to Ferry Rd Garden. James Mellish has visited site and is preparing a funding application to extend the access from the bridge to Ferry Road Garden. This might need to be a set of wooden steps as the slope at the rear of the garden is significant.</i> • <i>Marshes update (alongside landlords cttee) – recent meeting held with tenant – update provided by the Town Clerk. Further meeting arranged after the low tides to assess how much water still needs to be drained.</i> • <i>Other garden maintenance works updates – including Gardner Rd verges. Members advised that they would provide details of any possible handy person/ gardener they become aware of.</i>

7	Leisure and Other matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Shelter on North Parade project update.</i> This is being progressed by the Geography Academy and James Mellish. Designs have been drafted and a board will be produced by EPS Transfers. Shelter will need painting in advance of the boards being erected. • <i>Community Payback / community self-help scheme projects</i> – seafront railings project is on their list for 2024. • <i>Fingerpost for Field Stile Road.</i> Fingerpost is held at Town Hall – await formal licence from ESC. • <i>D Day 80th anniversary commemoration event 6th June 2024 – update</i> – piper booked. Beacon will be lit. Options for music – Leiston Town Band/Wrentham Brass Band, Council suggested fireworks could be incorporated – these have been provisionally booked. Cllr Wells to source poems/sound system for piper/poetry. It was noted that some other towns/ parishes are not doing anything for the event due to the time of year and being midweek. • <i>Public wi fi – project update</i> – 31st March 2024 deadline. ESC is working with the providers and the Casino to ensure installation can happen within the timescales. <p>Future projects to consider;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Water Fountain for electricity green.</i> After full discussion it was agreed that Electricity Green is not the most appropriate place for a water fountain. However, acknowledging that water would be useful for the garden, Cllr Wells offered to see if the water butt could be connected up, and will check also re the water bowser. • <i>Charter Lunch 2024</i> – it was agreed by all that this would be good to re-establish after the Covid years of not doing it. Consider possibility of linking to 50 years of Local Government. • <i>CCTV – quotes</i> –agreed by all to recommend that the CCTV quote for the Town Hall be accepted. See quote attached. To be located on balcony to view both sides of High Street/ East Street as a anti social behaviour deterrent. Police are aware. • Cllr Wells – showed an example of stickers which could be used on bins and suggested that ‘feed the bins not the gulls’ could be produced for the council bins. Agreed by all.
8	Date of next meeting	Tuesday 19 th March 2024 at 9.30am.

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