

MINUTES of LEISURE COMMITTEE meeting of 25 July 2024 at Annexe, Euxton PC Community Centre, Wigan Road, Euxton.

Councillors present:

Cllr E Jones (Chair)	Cllr K Reed
Cllr A Oddy	Cllr V Thornhill
Cllr R Peers	Cllr S Walker

Officers present: D Platt, L Hardman

Residents: 0

Election of Committee Chair

Resolved: Cllr Jones was elected to the Chair.

Election of Committee Vice Chair

Resolved: Cllr Oddy was elected to be Vice Chair.

1. Apologies

Received from Cllr P Morton.

2. Public participation

Non present.

3. Minutes of the last Committee meeting held on 22 February 2024

Resolved: Minutes from the meeting held 22 February 2024 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

4. Greenside all weather play area – visiting residents to discuss

This item was deferred, awaiting the residents to arrive.

5. Environmental Project – Millennium Green & Chapel Brook – report from Lancashire Wildlife Trust to follow

& Millennium Green maintenance

The two reports from Lancashire Wildlife Trust were circulated, one for the Millennium Green and one for Chapel Brook. Members discussed the reports.

Resolved: Committee agreed Cllr Thornhill will prepare Tender invitations from the reports from LancsWT to be ready to go out to tender.

Millennium Green maintenance – there needs to be more maintenance, around the year on the green. There is a lot of brambles, managing vigorous plants such as thistles. The pond needs more clearance, presently only 40% open water and needs to be more 60% or above, clearing the bullrushes out will help.

The wildflower/grass area needs to be cut and bailed and taken away in around September.

The drain in the SW corner is blocked and needs clearing.

The wetter area in the SW of the Green was discussed and how it could be better managed. A new project will be brought forward on this.

6. Primrose Hill Play Area – to agree the layout and items for the play area

Display boards were placed on the play area for feedback following the possible items appearing in the March newsletter. Three quotes had been requested, two were received. The preferred option was progressed with a requested alteration of a zip wire styled item and new pricing.

Resolved: Committee agreed on the Proludic play option quotation for £65,000 for four items of new equipment, removal of old equipment, groundworks, fitting, delivery and clear up including new bark to finish.

7. New Project – Southport Road updates, for discussion and action

The draft 'heads of terms' for a new license had been circulated prior to the meeting. Members discussed and agreed with them in the most part, they did not contain a length of the license term.

Resolved: Committee agreed the license if a length of term can be added and requested 25 years but 15 years could be acceptable.

8. Balshaw Lane play area fencing/gates update

Deputy Clerk updated the fencing contract to secure all the railings in the ground, replace a few panels, fix the gates with self-closing springs and colour them yellow for accessibility purposes will be carried out over the next week. Some items will need to go offsite, to be returned when finished.

9. Any other items which need attention or research

Revisited Item 4. No residents attended.

10. Date for next meeting

Late September was suggested, when reports required need to be available.

Chairman closed the meeting.

8.06pm