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Minutes of the **RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE** meeting held remotely on **Tuesday 2 MARCH 2021**.

PRESENT: Cllrs L. Wooldridge (Chairman); P. Fishwick; S. Hanna; F. Obileye; J. Southgate.

IN ATTENDANCE: Philip Stoneman (Clerk).
Joanne Yeomans (Community Engagement & Lettings Officer - CELO).

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: There were no apologies.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

3 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING OF THE 19 JANUARY 2021

Item 8.6 - Noticeboards had been ordered for the allotment garden and these were to be installed on the 4 March.

Item 10.1 - The Joint Health & Well-being Strategy had been posted on the Parish Council website.

Item 11.1 - Winnersh Meadows sign: comments had been submitted to WBC.

4 PUBLIC SESSION: There were no members of the public or press in attendance.

5 COVID-19

5.1 The CELO gave an update on the key dates set out in the government's roadmap, being the 29 March, 12 April, 17 May and 21 June.

5.2 Several enquiries had been received about casual bookings (post lockdown), particularly over weekends and the committee agreed that priority should be given to existing regular hirers. The CELO would contact all regular hirers to establish if and when, they intended to return. Only after a reasonable time would consideration be given to making bookings available to other/new hirers.
ACTION: CELO

5.3 It was agreed that the accessible toilet in the Allnatt Pavilion would re-open on Monday 8 March to coincide with the reopening of Bearwood Primary School.

6 COMMUNITY CENTRE - EXTENSION AND CLADDING

- 6.1 The Clerk advised that quotations had been received from three contractors and these had been considered by Cllr Wooldridge and Cllr Hanna. Upon their recommendation the committee **RESOLVED** to award the contract for the extension and cladding to Berkshire Construction. **ACTION: CLERK**

7 WINNERSH ALLOTMENT GARDEN

- 7.1 The Clerk advised that surface water was not draining from Plot 81 up to the top end of the site and that WBC would look into options for extending the scheme to include these plots. The Clerk advised that he would send photographs to WBC to show the extent of the problem. **ACTION: CLERK**

- 7.2 The water pressure to the standpipe tap at Plot 4 was still low, despite efforts to identify a solution. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Thames Water to see if pressure could be increased from the main. **ACTION: CLERK**

- 7.3 The CELO gave an update on the newly created Winnersh Allotment Association (WAA).

7.3.1 The WAA had asked about the availability of a winnersh.gov.uk email address but it was considered this was not appropriate and they would have to set up their own email account and address.

7.3.2 The WAA had asked if they could have permission to plant fruit trees to create a wind break, and this was agreed.

7.3.3 Various points were made about the draft constitution, including the need to re-draft para 3.4 and 4.7.4 and it was agreed that suggested changes be sent to the CELO by the 8 March so these could be discussed at next WAA meeting.

7.3.4 The grant of £1,000 from WPC to WAA for maintenance/projects, that had been agreed at the last meeting, would be reviewed annually.

7.3.5 Allotment Inspections: the CELO explained that these were due at the end of March/early April and Cllr Hanna volunteered to be the R&A representative to carry out the inspections with the CELO, preferably during a weekend. The CELO would send some suggested dates/times for a weekend at the end of March. **ACTION: CELO**

8 CAPITAL PROJECTS

- 8.1 Cllr Wooldridge explained that the Clerk was in the process of drafting a report setting out options for the refurbishment of council facilities. It was agreed that a workshop style meeting of the R&A committee would be held on the 24 March to consider a range of issues including a cost/benefit analysis, economies of scale and ensuring the facilities were maintaining a competitive advantage compared with other facilities in the area.

- 8.2 Cllr Fishwick suggested that Cllr Krauze be invited to attend the meeting given his extensive experience of facility design and use. It was agreed that Cllr Wooldridge would extend the invitation to Cllr Krauze. **ACTION: CLLR WOOLDRIDGE**

- 8.3 Cllr Southgate requested that the Building Inspection Report (August 2017) be circulated to the R&A working group in advance of the meeting on 24 March and this was agreed.

ACTION: CLERK

9 CATRERING FACILITY

- 9.1 The Clerk had received a request from a local trader, to be able to provide a small mobile coffee facility in the car park of the Community Centre.
- 9.2 Cllr Hanna felt this was a facility that was missing from the Community Centre and a general discussion took place about the café that had been provided in the Allnatt pavilion which had initially been popular.
- 9.3 The committee agreed the principle of providing a catering facility on a temporary basis and that the Clerk and CELO should seek interest from not just one, but several, potential operators. Issues including licences, insurance, healthy food and the existing arrangement provided by Winnersh Rangers FC would all need to be considered.

ACTION: CLERK/CELO

10 BERKSHIRE YOUTH

- 10.1 The Clerk had circulated a revised partnership agreement prepared by Berkshire Youth. It was agreed that a grant would be provided, to which conditions would be applied, rather than the use of the partnership agreement. The grant of £4,500 would be allocated in two tranches during the year (2021/22).

11 CORRESPONDENCE: There were no items of correspondence.

12 MATTERS CONSIDERED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN: There were no urgent matters.

13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 13.1 The next meeting would be held on **Tuesday 6 April 2021 at 19.30.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.13.