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Minutes of the Informal **RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE** meeting held remotely on **Tuesday 3 MAY 2022.**

PRESENT: Cllrs L. Wooldridge (Chairman); L. Doyle; P. Fishwick; S. Hanna (Vice Chairman); R. Nicholson; J. Southgate.

IN ATTENDANCE: Philip Stoneman (Clerk);
Joanne Yeomans (Community Engagement & Lettings Officer - CELO);
Gareth Mephram (Berkshire Youth); Paul Hampton (Winnersh Allotment Association).

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: None

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

3 BERKSHIRE YOUTH

3.1 Gareth Mephram from Berkshire Youth attended and provided an update on the provision of detached youth work.

3.2 There had been some good feedback from parents when the youth team attended Rainbow Park with the Youth Bus and at that last visit there were 19 young people of various ages engaging with youth workers.

3.3 Gareth conformed that a weekly update would be provided and where possible, and demand was shown, the Youth Bus would attend locations on Saturday's.

3.4 Gareth would provide a report (to include numbers attending/engaged with) for early June in advance of the next R&A meeting on the 7 June.

3.5 Cllr Nicholson thanked Gareth for his presentation and, given the importance of engaging with young people, felt it was really important to support the work of Berkshire Youth in the local community. The committee agreed with those comments and would like to receive the regular updates. Councillors were also keen to take up the offer to visit the Youth Bus to see first-hand the service/activities being provided.

- 3.6 Cllr Wooldridge asked if the Youth Bus would be attending the Fete on the 18 June. Gareth advised that he was not available on that day but agreed to check the availability of colleagues and he would liaise with Cllr Southgate.

4 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

- 4.1 The minutes of the meeting held on the 5 April 2022, approved at Full Council on the 12 April, were noted and the following matters were raised:-
- 4.2 Item 7.3: The CELO updated the committee on the allotment inspection process and advised that she and the Clerk would be making a mid-week inspection in May to see if those allotment holders, having been previously notified of not cultivating and maintaining their plots, had made any progress. In the event that no progress had been made, and there was no justifiable reason, the council would cancel the allotment tenancy agreement and re-let the plots.

- 5 PUBLIC SESSION:** There were no members of the public in attendance.

6 FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP

- 6.1 Cllr Wooldridge informed the committee that the project plan had been updated and had been circulated in advance of the meeting.
- 6.2 A discussion took place about the reporting process for the Facilities Development Working Group and it was unanimously agreed to recommend to Full Council that the working group report direct to Full Council with a monthly update in line with current practice for the Climate Change, Sustainable Transport and History Working Groups'.

7 WINNERSH ALLOTMENTS

- 7.1 The CELO introduced the item informing the committee that the Winnersh Allotment Association (WAA) were seeking permission to provide two bee hives at the allotment garden.
- 7.2 Cllr Wooldridge welcomed Paul Hampton to the meeting who, as an experienced bee keeper, would take responsibility for providing the hives and for taking day-to-day care of them.
- 7.3 Paul spoke about the benefits of introducing bees to the allotments and how they would be carefully managed to ensure there were no issues for allotment holders. A 28-day notice seeking feedback from plot holders had been posted on the noticeboards and on the allotments Facebook page, and to date the responses had all been positive.
- 7.4 The proposal was to locate the hives behind a fenced area in the corner of the allotment garden by the motorway and railway. The cost would be split where Paul would pay for all removable items and it was suggested that the WAA pay for the fencing.
- 7.5 Cllr Wooldridge asked about the arrangement for using/selling the honey. Paul explained that given his investment (cost and time), he would keep the honey and if allotment holders wanted to buy some that would be an arrangement between him and the allotment holders.

- 7.6 The committee were supportive of the proposal and would recommend approval to Full Council on the basis that it would be subject to a periodic review.

ACTION: CLLR WOOLDRIDGE

- 7.7 Cllr Wooldridge thanked Paul Hampton for attending the meeting, for setting out the proposal and for sharing his knowledge about setting up and managing beehives.

8 COMMUNITY CENTRE AND ALLNATT PAVILION STORAGE

- 8.1 The Clerk provided an update on storage provision, including that Winnersh Rangers were in the process of moving all their equipment from the Allnatt Pavilion into the newly built storage area at the end of the community centre.

- 8.2 The council was increasingly less able to meet the storage needs of hirers and it was suggested that existing provision be reviewed. One hirer had enquired about the possibility of storage area being provided near to the community centre, in a metal container type facility. The committee rejected the idea given that the land is within a conservation area and that it would not be in keeping with the landscape.

- 8.3 The Clerk advised that the changing rooms and shower area were no longer being used and recommended that these be used for storage. It was also suggested that the showers be de-commissioned with the water cut off as that would avoid the need to flush them regularly in compliance with the legionella risk assessment.

- 8.4 It was agreed that there be a review of storage provision and that consideration be made for charging hirers based on the amount of space being allocated. Whilst it may be helpful to know what the rates were for commercial storage, the committee expressed a preference to investigate what similar type community facilities were charging before making any decisions about charging hirers.

ACTION: CLERK/CELO

9 THE GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN

- 9.1 The Clerk advised that arrangements had been made for the annual litter pick to take place on Sunday 15 May between 11am and 1pm.
- 9.2 The arrangements would be the same as in previous years with St Mary the Virgin Church in Church Close, Winnersh being the rendezvous point. The Church had agreed to provide refreshments and would be refunded by the Parish Council.

10 CORRESPONDENCE: None

11 MATTERS CONSIDERED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN: None

12 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 7 June 2022 at 19.30.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.44.

PART II – CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

- 13** The Council **RESOLVED** in accordance with the Public Bodies (admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the public and press for discussion of the following personnel or confidential matters where publicity might be prejudicial to the special nature of the business.

14 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

- 14.1 The Clerk advised that quotations had been received for the grounds maintenance contract and these had been circulated in advance of the meeting. The committee agreed that the quotation from the current grounds maintenance contractor (Nick Robins Ltd.) was the most competitive and should be accepted, with the service being provided between the 1 June 2022 and 31 March 2024.

15 REPLACEMENT DOORS AND ACCESS CONTROL EQUIPMENT

- 15.1 The Clerk advised that quotations had been received to replace the main doors (aluminium) to the Winnersh Hall and Sindlesham Room, Fire Exit (steel) double doors from the main hall, double doors (timber) to the newly constructed storage area and Parish Office door (UPVC). The quotations that had been circulated in advance of the meeting also contained the cost of access control equipment. **ACTION: CLERK**
- 15.2 The committee considered the quotations and agreed that the submission from Berkshire Construction was the most competitive and agreed to accept it. **ACTION: CLERK**

16 PLAYGROUND INSPECTIONS

- 16.1 The Clerk advised that an annual playground inspection was due, and a quotation from Active Risk Management Services Ltd. had been circulated in advance of the meeting. The committee agreed to accept the quotation for the annual inspection and for three quarterly inspections. **ACTION: CLERK**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:00.

Signed: Cllr L Wooldridge _____

Chairman of Recreation & Amenities Committee