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SWANSCOMBE & GREENHITHE TOWN COUNCIL

Recreation, Leisure & Amenities Committee

Councillor Peter Harman - Chairman
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Councillor Anita Barham
Councillor Lorna Cross
Councillor Ann Duke
Councillor Linda Hall
Councillor John Hayes
Councillor Lesley Howes

To all other Councillors: For information only

A Meeting of the above Committee will be held on

Wednesday 16 March 2022 at 7.00pm

**at: The Council Offices, The Grove, Swanscombe,
Kent, DA10 0GA.**

Graham Blew

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Town Clerk

Dated: 11 March 2022

Should any member have any questions regarding the content of the agenda or attached papers, please put them to the clerk's office 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

A G E N D A

1. To receive Apologies for Absence (*Local Government Act 1972, s.85*).
2. Substitutes.
3. Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda (*Localism Act 2011, s.31*).
- * ***As per Standing Order 34 c), and at the Chairman's discretion, the meeting will be adjourned at this point to allow any members of the public to address the meeting in relation to the business to be transacted at the meeting. Members of the public are allowed to (i) make representations, (ii) answer questions and (iii) give evidence relating to the business being transacted.***
4. Items as Deemed Urgent by the Chairman / matters arising from previous minutes and their position on the Agenda (for discussion/information only, not for decision).
5. To confirm the of the Meeting held on 27 January 2022 (*full Council 10 February 2022*). (*Local Government Act 1972, Sch 12, Para 41(1)*).

6. **SENIOR GROUNDSMAN/GARDENER'S REPORT (p).**

Please see the attached report.

Recommended: That the report be noted.

7. **TOWN CLERK AND RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT.**

7.1 **TREE FELLED – STORM EUNICE (p).**

Unfortunately, a large Cedar in Swanscombe Park was badly damaged during Storm Eunice (18 February). A tree consultant was asked to investigate the damage and it was recommended, for the reasons contained in the attached report, that the tree be felled.

In consultation with the Town Mayor and Chairman of Recreation, Leisure and Amenities Committee it was agreed for this to be undertaken and that x2 replacement trees would be sourced and planted in Swanscombe Park.

Attached for members information are:

- The relevant extract from the previous tree survey
- An explanation as to why the felling was required
- Photos showing the extensive damage that the tree had.

DBC granted permission for the 5-day notice and the tree was scheduled and removed on 8 March 2022.

Recommended: To endorse the actions taken by the Town Clerk in dealing with this issue.

7.2 PARKING AT KNOCKHALL ROAD (p).

Members have asked that the issue of parking at Knockhall Road on the weekends be placed on the agenda for consideration.

Attached are:

- The correspondences we have received since 11 October 2021.
- Overheads of the roads in the area and of Knockhall Park.

Recommended: To discuss and advise accordingly.

7.3 CONTRACTS FOR SPORTS HIRERS (p).

The attached draft contracts are attached for members consideration:

- A. Football mini-pitch hirers
- B. Football senior pitch hirers.
- C. Cricket Hirers

Recommendation: To agree and adopt the contracts for Sports Hirers as detailed.

7.4 FOOTBALL PITCH CONDITION REVIEW.

Due to the current usage of our pitches, we would like to look at the condition of the pitches with the Senior Groundsman/Gardener at the culmination of the 2021 – 2022 season. This will then help us to decide whether we need to look at reducing or limiting the amount of games played on each pitch.

The plan would be to bring this back to the Recreation, Leisure and Amenities Committee in late 2022.

Nb. The Recreation, Leisure and Amenities Committee previously (24 June 2021) placed a limit of 28 teams across all our pitches

Recommendation: To agree to the football pitch condition review.

7.5 ALLSTAR ECOPOINT SCHEME (p).

We have received this year's certificate confirming we have contributed 11 trees in 2021. This brings the Town Councils total, since joining the Scheme, to 104 trees.

Recommended: To note.

7.6 COMMUNITY AREAS IN SWANSCOMBE PARK – UPDATES (p).

The DBC Planet Dartford Community Orchard was planted on 24 February 2022 and the wildflowers are expected to be planted at the end of March.

Recommended: To note.

7.7 PROPOSED HANDRAIL AT ST PETER & ST PAULS CHURCH (p).

Further to minute 390/21-22 a verbal update will be provided.

Recommended: To note and endorse the actions taken to date.

7.8 FESTIVAL OF NATIONAL NATURE RESERVES (NNR).

2022 marks the 70th anniversary of the first NNR and Natural England are inviting organisations to take part in the 'Festival of National Nature Reserves' over this summer (May to September).

As the Town Council manages the Swanscombe Heritage Park NNR we are being asked whether we would like to organise a local event, activity or communication promoting the benefits of the site.

Members are asked to consider what, if any, involvement the Town Council would have in the Festival of National Nature Reserves.

Recommended: To discuss and advise accordingly.

7.9 OUTDOOR CINEMA EVENTS (p).

The Town Council recently ran an online survey to find out which times of day were most popular for the outdoor cinema event (new contractors' equipment enables daytime showings).

Attached are the results of the survey which indicate that 6.00pm is the most popular choice.

Recommended: To agree to the x2 outdoor cinema events being held at 6.00pm.

7.10 SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT 2022 (p).

Attached for members is a calendar of activities that officers are currently preparing to deliver over the summer 2022 period. These include:

- Children's Summer Entertainment
- Summer of Sports – Taster Classes
- x 2 Outdoor Cinema Events

Additional funding applications are pending which, if successful, will be used to increase the number of activities on offer.

Promotional material will be placed on the Town Councils noticeboards, website and social media feeds nearer the time.

Recommended: To note.

7.11 ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION PLAN WORKING GROUP – UPDATE (p).

The Environmental Action Plan Working Group met on the 3 March 2022 to discuss the Town Council undertaking the Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC) Carbon Footprint Calculator.

Attached for members information are the notes from the meeting and the guidance from KALC on completing the Carbon Footprint Calculator.

Recommended: That the item be noted.

7.12 PUBLIC TOILETS WORKING GROUP – UPDATE (p).

The Public Toilets Working Group met on the 3 March 2022. Attached for members information are the notes from the meeting.

Recommended: That the item be noted.



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