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SWANSCOMBE & GREENHITHE TOWN COUNCIL

Recreation, Leisure & Amenities Committee

Councillor Peter Harman - Chairman
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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

Thursday 27 January 2022 at 7.00pm

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

Graham Blew

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Town Clerk

Dated: 21 January 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.

AGENDA

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 18 November 2021 (*full Council 9 December 2021*). (*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 RECREATIONAL FACILITY CHARGES 2022 - 2023 (p).

Please find attached the proposed price increases, the Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) has increased them by 2.5% overall and rounded up appropriately. As previously agreed, the allotments have been increased by 15% to include the staged recovery of administration costs of the Allotment Association.

- ** All of these figures were taken into account when members previously agreed the Estimates for the forthcoming 2022 – 2023 financial year (*minute 358/21-22 Finance and General Purposes Committee and minute 365/21-22 full Council 13 January 2022*).

Recommended: That the Recreational Facility Charges 2022 – 2023 be agreed and endorsed.

7.2 CAPACITY BUILDING FUND (DARTFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL (DBC)) – FUTURE APPLICATIONS.

At its meeting on 13 December 2021 the DBC General Assembly of Council agreed that it would discontinue this funding from 1 April 2022 and that, going forward, the funding would be transferred to the "Green Fund" for projects that improve the environment or reduce environmental impact.

Members are asked to begin considering suitable / appropriate projects for the scheme.

Recommended: To note.

7.3 COMMUNITY ORCHARD – UPDATE.

Further to minute 325/21-22 (full Council 9 December 2021), Dartford Borough Council (DBC) began work on the community orchard, within Swanscombe Park, on 17 January 2022 and it is hoped the trees will be installed 23 / 24 February 2022. The wildflower meadow being created will be immediately under the orchard which will also be part of the Queens Green Canopy Scheme (as well as our mini- community orchard within the picnic area).

Recommended: To note.

7.4 CHURCH ROAD HALL – UPDATE (p).

Further to minute 244/21-22 (Finance and General Purposes Committee 28 October 2021) the decoration/repair works to the Church Road Hall have been completed including new signage and external lighting. The installation of the new UPVC windows and Fire Door are due to be undertaken at the beginning of February.

Recommended: To note.

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

Members are asked to consider installing a metal handrail at the entrance steps to St Peter & St Pauls Church. This would be dependent on cost and whether any restrictions allow this.

Recommended: That, under Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 the Town Clerk be delegated authority to arrange the installation of a metal handrail (as indicated in the report) subject to cost and whether this is possible.



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