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SWANSCOMBE & GREENHITHE TOWN COUNCIL

Recreation, Leisure & Amenities Committee

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Councillor Ann Duke
Councillor Peter Harris
Councillor Lesley Howes
Councillor Dawn Johnston
Councillor Elizabeth Wickham

To all other Councillors: For information only

A Meeting of the above Committee will be held on

Thursday 21 September 2023 at 7.00pm

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

Graham Blew

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Town Clerk

Dated: 14 September 2023

Due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the Press and Public will be excluded from the Meeting from item 9 onwards.

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.

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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 and sign the Minutes of the Meeting held on 29 June 2023 (*Full Council 20 July 2023*). (*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 THE OLD FIRE STATION – ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE (p).

The Town Council had previously registered The Old Fire Station as an Asset of Community Value (26 October 2017). This lasts for 5 years and expired on 27 October 2022 with Dartford Borough Council confirming it had been removed from the List of Assets of Community Value on 14 July 2023.

An application / re-submission was made by Officers on 13 July 2023 which was subsequently declined by DBC on 3 August 2023 with advice on x2 items which needed undertaking.

Members are asked to agree that the Town Council nominate The Old Fire Station as an Asset of Community Value.

Members are also asked to agree to the re-wording of the section supporting that the building is currently being used to further the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community.

To assist members the following are attached:

- A. Email from DBC including The Guidance Notes
- B. Previously declined application
- C. Re-wording of section supporting that the building is currently being used to further the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community.

Recommended:

1. To agree that the Town Council nominate The Old Fire Station as an Asset of Community Value.
2. To agree the re-wording of the section supporting that the building is currently being used to further the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community.

7.2 HEDGEHOGS R US (p).

The Founder of Hedgehogs R Us has approached the Town Council to see if we would be interested in becoming part of the Hedgehogs R Us Highways Project.

Whilst we are not able to use the Hedgehog Highways on any of our own fencing these could be used as a “wildlife initiative”?

Recommended: To discuss and advise accordingly

7.3 THE SWANSCOMBE CENTRE – GCLL UPDATE (p).

Further to minute 202/22-23 the Head of Operations GCLL has provided the attached update, including Key Statistics 2023, regarding the planned investment to the facility.

Recommended: That the item be noted.

8. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC.

TO RESOLVE: Pursuant to section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the press and public leave the meeting during consideration of the following item.

9. INGRESS PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE (IPCC) – UPDATE (p).

Further to the previous update, minute 515/22-23, a written update is attached and a verbal update will also be provided at the meeting.

Recommended: That the item be noted.

INFORMATION:IN THE OFFICE:

- Allotment & Leisure Gardener, Issues 3, 2023.



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