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SWANSCOMBE & GREENHITHE TOWN COUNCIL

Recreation, Leisure & Amenities Committee

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To all other Councillors: For information only

A Meeting of the above Committee will be held on

Thursday 6 February 2014 at 7.00pm

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

Graham Blew
Town Clerk

Dated: 30 January 2014

A G E N D A

1. To receive Apologies for Absence.
2. Substitutes.
3. Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda.

At the Chairman's discretion the meeting will be adjourned at this point to accept questions from the public.

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 Minutes of the Meeting held on 28 November 2013 (*Town Council 19 December 2013*).

6. SENIOR GROUNDSMAN/GARDENER'S REPORT.

Please see the attached report.

Recommended: To discuss and advise accordingly.

7. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

7.1 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.

In accordance with Standing Order 42 Members are requested to suspend Standing Orders for the following item.

Recommended: To suspend Standing Orders, as per Standing Order 42, for the following item.

7.2 POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT TRACTOR.

Please see the attached report.

Recommended: To approve the purchase of the replacement tractor as detailed in the report.

7.3 GANG MOWING.

Please see the attached report.

Recommendation: To endorse the Town Clerks actions in dealing with this matter.

7.4 EMERGENCY TREE WORKS AT SWANSCOMBE PARK.

Please see the attached report.

Recommendation:

- 1 To endorse the Town Clerks actions in dealing with this matter.
- 2 To vire the monies, as detailed, from the Gang Mowing budget to cover the cost of this necessary work

7.5 RECREATION FACILITY CHARGES 2014 – 2015.

Please find attached the proposed price increases; the Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) has increased them by 10% which was taken into account when agreeing the estimates (*Finance and General Purposes Committee 16 January 2014*).

Recommended: To advise of any changes to the suggested increases for 2014 – 2015 and to approve.

7.6 GRAVESHAM COMMUNITY LEISURE LIMITED - LEISURE CENTRE UPDATE.

The Facility Development Manager has informed that the Leisure Centre has improved its “Display Energy Certification” (DEC) grading from 39 (B) to 60 (C).

Recommended: To note.

7.7 COUNTRYSIDE AND RIGHTS OF WAY ACT 2000 (CROW) - SECTION 13 DEDICATION – SWANSCOMBE SKULL SITE NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE (NNR)

Please see the attached report.

Recommended: To agree to the dedication of the Swanscombe Skull Site NNR under Section 13 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act.

7.8 CHILDREN'S SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT – 2014.

Please find attached details regarding the option of 3 packages for children's summer entertainment. The budget agreed in the estimates (Cost Centre 9, Cost Code 121) for this item was £1,500.00. The Town Clerk has also been successful in receiving £500.00 funding via the Kent County Council Member Community Engagement Grant Scheme 2013/2014. This additional funding is proposed to be used to have the most popular entertainment more than once over the summer period (members were emailed photographs last year which showed how well attended these entertainments were).

Recommended: To select which of the 3 options to use for the Summer Entertainment - 2014.

8. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC.

TO RESOLVE: That, under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information.

9. SECURITY MEASURES AT SWANSCOMBE PARK / INSURANCE CLAIM 27130000473.

Please see the attached confidential report.

Recommended:

- 1 To note the current situation regarding this insurance claim
- 2 To decide what action to take regarding re-instating the security measures at the site.

10. COMMUNITY CAFÉ – UPDATE/REVIEW.

Please see the attached confidential report.

Recommended:

- 1 To decide whether or not a review of how the Community Café is currently operated is required.
- 2 Dependant on the above to decide how a review should be carried out.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE:

- Wild Kent – Kent Wildlife Trust – winter 2013/14.
- Rural News – Action with Communities in Rural Kent – issue 133.
- Oast to Coast – Action with Communities in Rural Kent – winter 2013.

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