

MINUTES of the MEETING of the RECREATION, LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE
held at THE COUNCIL OFFICES, THE GROVE, SWANSCOMBE on THURSDAY 23
JANUARY 2025 at 7.00PM

PRESENT: Councillor Emma Ben Moussa – Chairman
Councillor Peter Harris – Vice-Chairman
Councillor Lorna Cross
Councillor Ann Duke
Councillor Lesley Howes
Councillor Dawn Johnston
Councillor Hazel Stephens
Councillor Elizabeth Wickham

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Paul Parsons
Graham Blew – Town Clerk
Martin Harding – Assistant Town Clerk/RFO
Dan Usher – Senior Groundsman / Gardener

ABSENT: There were none

365/24-25. ARRANGEMENTS AND CONSTRAINTS REGARDING FILMING OR RECORDING THE MEETING.

The arrangements and constraints relating to the filming or recording of the meeting were explained.

366/24-25. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

There were none.

367/24-25. SUBSTITUTES.

There were none.

368/24-25. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

There were none.

As per Standing Order 34 c) the Chairman adjourned the meeting at this point to allow members of the public to address the meeting in relation to the business being transacted at the meeting.

369/24-25. ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN / MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES AND THEIR POSITION ON THE AGENDA.

There were none.

370/24-25. TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 NOVEMBER 2024.

Recommended: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 November 2024 were approved and signed as a true record.

371/24-25. SENIOR GROUNDSMAN / GARDENER'S REPORT.

Members were provided with a copy of the report which updated members on the work undertaken, by the Parks Department and the work planned which included:

Broomfield Park, Heritage Park, Swanscombe Park, Equipment / Staffing and Miscellaneous.

Recommended: That the report be noted.

TOWN CLERK AND RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

372/24-25. RECREATIONAL FACILITY CHARGES 2025 - 2026.

Members considered the proposed price increases which had been increased by 3% overall and rounded up appropriately.

** All the figures had been considered when members previously agreed the Estimates for the forthcoming 2025 – 2026 financial year (*minute 339/24-25 Finance and General Purposes Committee and minute 350/24-25 Special Full Council 9 January 2025*).

Recommended: That the Recreational Facility Charges 2025 – 2026 be endorsed.

373/24-25. ROUGH SLEEPERS.

Further to minute 171/24-25 members were informed that the remaining rough sleeper at Broomfield had now vacated the site, and all the relevant organisations had been made aware.

Recommended: That the item be noted.

374/24-25. PLAY AREA COMMUNICATION BOARDS.

Members were advised that the Town Council was currently investigating funding sources to have Communication Boards installed at each of the play areas throughout Greenhithe and Swanscombe.

Recommended: That the item be noted.

375/24-25. **INGRESS PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE – UPDATE.**

Further to the previous update, minute 226/24-25, the Planning Manager Eastern, Crest Nicholson had written advising that “following the approval of the Ingress Carpark and subsequent S106 agreement, they were in receipt of the Decision Notice, that requires a number of conditions to be discharged”.

A Teams meeting had been scheduled for 28 January 2025 to run through the points to enable the property consultant to produce a management strategy for submission.

Recommended: That the update, and current position, be noted.

There being no further business to transact the Meeting closed at 7.20 pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Chairman)

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