

**MINUTES FROM A MEETING OF**  
**RECREATION & LEISURE COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY 18 April 2024 AT 6.30PM**  
**AT CAM PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE, 4 NOEL LEE WAY, CAM**

**Present:** G Gough (Chair), J Fulcher, S Temlett, K Chandler, J Dormer, M Clifton, M Morton, J Bishop, D Andrewartha,

**Apologies:**

**Absent:**

**In attendance:** L Biddle (Deputy Clerk), J Edwards (Projects Officer)

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Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present.

**RL.23.116 To receive apologies for absence.**

Apologies were noted as above

**RL.23.117 To receive declarations of interest or requests for dispensations.**

Cllr Bishop declared an interest in the Action Plan relating to Youth 'Call out'.

Cllr Gough declared an interest in the item regards using the pavilion

**RL.23.118 To receive any questions, statements, or submissions from members of the public in attendance (20 minutes total).**

None present

**RL.23.119 Approve and sign minutes of the meeting held January 2024 as a correct record.**

Minutes were approved as a correct record.

**RL.23.120 To note any matters arising from the minutes and not covered by agenda items, for information only**

**RL.23.121 To note any progress made on the action plan and agree resulting actions**

- **Oak Saplings:** Committee were presented with an email from a landowner who owns a small holding near Spring Hill. They felt this was an excellent location. Committee RESOLVED to plant both Ola saplings in this location and to work with the person providing the saplings and the landowner to progress. We must make sure the saplings are well protected and watered. A photo opportunity and press release should be drafted when the planting takes place.
- **Kissing Gates:** waiting for working party to be scheduled – which needs drier weather. Agreement with landowners in place. One landowner identify/contact details required for final kissing gate next to Field Lane.
- **Youth Shelter Update:** advertised on social media and CPC website. 6 local providers have been emailed with project outline and scope. Press release to be completed.
- **Summer activity funding:** R&L decided to budget for a repeat of the summer activity session at Jubilee. Funding has been sought to cover the costs of two larger sessions (less staff time): 1 x HAF funding/provision, 1 x sponsored session. Project outline to be submitted to sponsor, and report to be written and submitted to FC.

- **Biodiversity:** have emailed SDC to register for training session and will report back to Committee.
- **Allotment holders meeting** – Committee RESOLVED to remove this action due to staff shortages and lack of progress.

**RL.23.122 Play Areas**

**A) To note Handy person inspections and agree actions**

Acting noted that these are paper copies which are held in the office. Any issues highlighted will be brought for discussion but no issues were noted.

**B) To consider quotes for pitch improvements follow on from a grant application by Everside Youth Football Club and agree actions**

Committee expressed concern that they were dealing with 3<sup>rd</sup> party quotes. Acting Clerk to ask GAPTC to confirm the correct and legal approach. Committee RESOLVED to defer the item to Full Council.

**RL.23.123 Allotments**

**A) Receive allotment report from Admin Officer/ Vice-Chair and agree actions**

Received and noted.

**B) Discuss any issues of concern and agree actions**

None to note.

**RL.23.124 Receive progress report on Rackleaze and agree resulting actions**

Communication with SVP has been lacking lately. Cllr Fulcher will arrange a visit to check-in.

**RL.23.125 To consider solutions to the ongoing issues at Jubilee Pavilion and playing field and agree actions**

Committee were encouraged by the structural engineers summary.

Committee RESOLVED that all reasonable steps had been made to comply with Financial Regulations and RESOLVED to accept the quote from R Williams for £9,839 to address not just the plumbing issues but also other snagging issues around the pavilion.

Committee RESOLVED to ratify the spend of £201 to Gloucester Locksmith for fixing the door which had broken and could not be opened

Committee RESOLVED to accept the quote from the contract cleaner, Core facilities for £198 to remove the mould growth.

**RL.23.124 To consider request to use the Jubilee Pavilion for refreshments after a charity event on 20th July and agree actions.**

A request has been made from a local group wanting to organise a charity race for breast cancer awareness. This is 5K race where there will go round the field at Jubilee 5 times. They have requested use of the pavilion afterwards for refreshments.

There is no charging structure for use of the pavilion and committee consider each request on its own merit.

Committee RESOLVED to allow use of the pavilion, free of charge.

**RL.23.125 To receive an update on issues surrounding the Cam, Dursley, Uley Woodlands Management Committee contract with SDC and agree actions.**

There has been a contract in place for a number of years between SDC and Uley, Dursley and Cam Parish Councils to manage the woodlands around the three parishes. SDC have issued a new contract which has 2 new additions stating

- Each of the Local Councils will indemnify and keep indemnified the District Council fully and effectively from and against all losses damage claims actions demands and liabilities arising out of the exercise of the rights granted by this Agreement or by reason of or in consequence of anything done or omitted to be done by or on behalf of the Group in or upon the Lands.
- Each of the Local Councils will maintain public liability insurance in the minimum sum of £5,000,000 (Five Million Pounds) for any one claim.

These additions have caused concern and has resulted in both Uley and Dursley withdrawing from the agreement.

Committee RESOLVED to write to SDC to explain that CPC were not willing to sign the current contract and that it was mindful to recommend to Council that we issue a 3-month notice with the intention to leave. However, committee would request Stroud District Council review the proposed documents, including liability and insurance of the woodland areas and are willing to withhold issuing the notice to leave the agreement until an alternative proposal is presented by the District Council. Committee would review any alternative proposal and make a full recommendation to Council. Committee acknowledge should an agreement not be made with the District Council the management of the woodland areas would return to Stroud District Council and the Joint Woodlands Committee would cease to exist.

**RL.23.126 To consider CCTV service and agree payment of £594.00 to Redhand**

Committee were unclear what this payment was for. Acting Clerk will get more details.

**RL.23.127 To review the budget and agree actions**

As it is the start of the new financial year, there is nothing to report on the budget

**RL.23.128 Any further R&L issues for information or referral only**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was brought to a close at 19:59