

16th September 2021

Minutes of the proceedings of the **Leisure Committee** held this day in the **Kitty Dancy Room, Sandhurst Community Hall Complex, Sandhurst** commencing at **7.30pm** and finishing at **21.52pm**.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr J Porter

Councillors: Mrs S Davenport, R McKenzie, Mrs M Mossom, M Sanderson.

IN ATTENDANCE

Executive Officer Angela Carey

Non-voting representatives:

T Dean (Sandhurst Town Football Club)

P Dodds (Sandhurst Allotment Association)

S Hards (Sandhurst Cricket Club)

B Penn (Sandhurst Tug of War)

C Pharo (Sandhurst Cricket Club)

J Sheppard (Sandhurst Gardening Club)

S Shortland (Sandhurst Town Football Club)

K Whiting (Sandhurst Sports Club)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda item 1)

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor:

P Bettison (Vacation)

Mrs J Bettison (Vacation)

Ms G Kennedy (Indisposed)

R Mossom (Business)

P Panesar (Indisposed)

(Formal apologies are only recorded for councillors, and are not recorded for the non-voting representatives of clubs and groups).

MEMBERS' INTERESTS (Agenda item 2)

There were no declarations of interest made.

MINUTES OF THE LEISURE COMMITTEE (Agenda item 3)

It was proposed by Cllr J Porter and the following was

RESOLVED
2412

that the minutes of the Leisure Committee meeting held on 18th March 2021 (pages 1114-1117) be received as a true and correct record and that they be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.



MEMORIAL PARK MAINTENANCE (Agenda item 4)

- a) The Committee received the recommendations following the last inspection of the skatepark. The older section of the area requires work. Two options were presented to the Committee. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr J Porter and seconded by Cllr Mrs S Davenport and the following was

**RESOLVED
2413**

that the recommendation to upgrade the equipment with new units is followed and that the usual contractors are awarded the contract for the works.

ACTION: EO

- b) The Committee were informed that the outside toilets will now be open at weekends. There is a current issue with the electrical system that controls the water and hand dryer system in the men's toilets. They will remain closed until the equipment is replaced. The estimated time for repair is by the end of September 2021.

LARGE EVENTS (Agenda item 5)

- a) The Large Events Policy was reviewed. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr J Porter and seconded by Cllr R McKenzie and the following was

**RESOLVED
2414**

that there are no changes made to the policy and it will be reviewed in 2023.

ACTION: EO

- b) The Committee received an update on the Summer of Fun event that was held in August. STC were the only council in Bracknell Forest that chose to go ahead with this year's event. It was a huge success with a large public attendance. Cllr J Porter thanked all of the staff for their hard work and also the Councillors that helped out at the event.
- c) The Committee received an update on the Fireworks Event. All vendors and stage acts are booked and the arrangements are in place for the fireworks, security, medical assistance and amenities. There will be a charge for parking, as in previous years and the money collected will go to the Mayors Charity.
- d) The Committee received an update on the Music Festival which has been moved to 2nd July 2022. Most of the acts have transferred their bookings over to the new date. The Madness tribute act have not yet confirmed.
- e) The Committee were asked to consider a request from Sandhurst Boys and Girls Football Club for them to hold a fund-raising day to support a local family that are raising funds for medical treatment for their son. A celebrity football match has been arranged with STFC at Bottom Meadow as part of the day. SB&G FC have requested the use of Brookside Meadow for a fun day including inflatables and activities and then a small music concert in the evening. The date of the event is 21st



- f) November 2021. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr J Porter and seconded by Cllr M Sanderson and the following was

**RESOLVED
2415**

that permission is granted for the use of the field. This is subject to SB&G FC providing an event plan and undertaking the necessary applications to the Safety Advisory Group at BFC.

ACTION: EO

BEACON LIGHTING (Agenda item 6)

The Committee were asked to consider participating in the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations by purchasing and lighting a beacon on 2nd June 2022. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr J Porter and seconded by Cllr R McKenzie and the following was

**RESOLVED
2416**

that a beacon is purchased and lit on 2nd June 2022. The finer details of this celebration will be considered by this Committee in due course.

ACTION: EO

CRICKET CLUB 5 YEAR PLAN (Agenda item 7)

C Pharo and S Hards from the Sandhurst Cricket Club delivered a presentation to the Committee. It was an informative and motivational presentation detailing the journey that the club has been on and the vision of progression in the future. The presentation has been forwarded to all Councillors for information.

PRESS AND PUBLICATION FORWARD PLAN (Agenda item 8)

There was a press release about the Fireworks Event requested by this meeting to be added to the publicity and press forward plan.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS (Agenda item 9)

Cllr Mrs S Davenport reported that she had attended the Blackbushe airport consultative committee meeting. It was held in the Pathfinders café which has had a refurbishment and is doing well. There has been less flying due to the Government restrictions. There has been an increase in private jet movement. The supreme court case concerning the common land is still ongoing. It was also reported that the first electric plane landed at the airport on 10th August 2021 as part of a tour around the country.

SPORTS CLUB (Agenda item 10)

K Whiting informed the Committee that the club has been quiet since reopening. The recent football tournament gave their income a boost. They still need more volunteers to help man the bar. The club are now taking party bookings once more and are publicising the club locally.

SANDHURST RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (Agenda item 11)

No representative present.

SPORTING CLUBS AND SOCIETIES (Agenda item 12)

B Penn from Sandhurst Tug of War reported that the competitions went ahead in June. The teams also attended the National tournament. They were able to provide both men's and women's teams. There has been an increase in ladies joining the club and they did well in the tournament. The



men's team won a bronze position. The new team members have created a buzz around the club. Training is currently still outside but will move inside soon. There will be an open day soon and this will be advertised.

J Sheppard from Sandhurst & District Gardening Club reported that the club have continued to hold meetings via zoom. The first face to face meeting is on October.

The club took the decision to cancel the Summer and Autumn shows this year. There was a date clash with the football tournament this year and this is often the case therefore the club have decided to liaise with SB&GFC about future dates. The recent visits offered by the Allotments Association were well received by members. Trips for the Gardening Club members have recommenced with Mrs Sheila Davenport organising the outings.

S Hards from Sandhurst Cricket Club reported that the last games are taking place this weekend. The first 11 team finished mid table this season. The other teams did not do so well but the team ethos is strong, and they are improving.

S Hards also thanked the Grounds Team for their hard work throughout the season.

P Dodds from the Sandhurst Allotment Association informed the Committee that the beehives are now installed. The weather has not been the best for growing this year.

T Dean from Sandhurst Town Football Club reported that the project that he presented to this committee in 2019 was progressing well. The clubhouse refurbishment is complete, the new stands are in situ, the flood lights have been installed. There is a new surface on the pitch. This is not the expected 3G surface as this has been delayed with the pandemic. The 3G pitch should be installed at the end of this season. The academy has not been able to run this year but will begin in September 2022.

This season STFC have played 7 games, won 4, drawn 1 and lost 2. They are currently 6th in the table. There is an FA game coming up on 25th September 2021. T Dean invited the committee members to attend as well as offering an invitation for clubs and members to visit the new facilities by way of an open session.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING (Agenda item13)

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 17th November 2021.

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS (Agenda item 14)

It was proposed by Cllr J Porter and seconded by Cllr M Sanderson and the following was

**RESOLVED
2417**

that in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press would be excluded for discussion regarding the engagement, terms of service and conduct of employees where publicity might be prejudicial to the special nature of the business.



LEASE TENDER (Agenda item 15)

The Committee were asked to discuss and decide on the process for the tender of the café on the park following the end of the current lease. The lease will expire in 2022. Further to the discussion it was proposed by Cllr J Porter and seconded by Cllr M Sanderson and the following was

**RESOLVED
2418**

that a tender document will be prepared and presented to this Committee which will include the expectations of STC from the applicant and the process that will be followed to award the tender.

ACTION: EO

**SIGNED AND DATED BY
CHAIRMAN**

