

20th January 2022

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 **9.05pm**.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr J Porter
Councillors: Cllr Mrs J Bettison, P Bettison, Mrs S Davenport, J Edwards,
Mrs M Mossom, P Panesar.

IN ATTENDANCE

Executive Officer Angela Carey

Non-voting representatives:

M Bird (3rd Sandhurst Scouts)
V Crosby- Clarke (Sandhurst Residents Association)
T Dean (Sandhurst Town Football Club)
P Dodds (Sandhurst Allotment Association)
S Hards (Sandhurst Cricket Club)
L Harris (Sandhurst Town Football Club)
J Sheppard (Sandhurst Gardening Club)
S Shortland (Sandhurst Town Football Club)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda item 1)

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor:

Ms G Kennedy (Indisposed)
R McKenzie (Indisposed)
R Mossom (Business)
M Sanderson (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)

Cllrs Mrs M Mossom declared an interest in agenda item 9.

MINUTES OF THE LEISURE COMMITTEE (Agenda item 3)

It was proposed by Cllr J Porter and seconded Cllr Mrs J Bettison and the following was

RESOLVED 2519

that the minutes of the Leisure Committee meeting held on 18th November 2021 (pages 1184-1188) be received as a true and correct record and that they be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

NON-VOTING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LEISURE COMMITTEE (Agenda item 4)

The Committee were reminded of the expectations for the non-voting representatives. All non-voting representatives have been asked to accept and sign the policy.

LARGE EVENTS (Agenda item 5)

a) The Committee received an update on the Music Festival. It was confirmed that the event is going ahead on 2nd July 2022. Most of the arrangements have been bought forward from the initial plans in 2020



however two acts have dropped out and STC are therefore currently in the process of booking replacements.

b) The Committee were asked to consider the continuation of the below events provided by STC-
Summer of Fun 5th August 2022
Fireworks 29th October 2022
Sandhurst Freedom March Summer 2023 (date tbc).
Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr J Porter and seconded by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and the following was

**RESOLVED
2520**

that the three events discussed will go ahead and the funding will be included in the budget review and recommendations.

ACTION: EO

c) The Committee were asked to consider a request from a company to use the park for a summer fete. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr J Porter and seconded by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and the following was

**RESOLVED
2521**

that permission is given for the hire of the Jubilee Field subject to the Large Events Policy being followed, provision of public liability insurance being provided to STC and hire charges for the field being levied.

ACTION: EO

GREEN FLAG AWARD (Agenda item 6)

The Committee were asked to consider whether STC would apply for the Green Flag Award for the Memorial Park this year. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr J Porter and seconded by Councillor Mrs J Bettison and the following was

**RESOLVED
2522**

that an application for the Green Flag Award is submitted.

ACTION: EO

SANDHURST TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB (Agenda item 7)

- a) A presentation was received from T Dean (STFC) & S Shortland (SB Group) on the progress of Bottom Meadow. The enhanced clubhouse has proved very popular and the improvements at the ground have been very well received. The academy is going well despite not being able to be held at Bottom Meadow due to the delay with the 3G pitch. There are currently 74 students at the academy and 14 of those are playing for STFC. Last year 100% of students achieved a pass and 87% achieved merit/distinction in B Tech qualifications. S Shortland thanked A Carey, Cllr J Porter and Cllr Mrs J Bettison for their support throughout the project.
- b) The Committee were presented with a long-term plan for the home of Bracknell Town Football Club. This will involve the adaptation of the current Bracknell Leisure Centre into a Sports Park and University. This concept build is in the very early stages and BFC have been engaged in conversations. As this could potentially take many years for completion a request has been made for STC to consider allowing BTFC to extend



their current agreement to groundshare at Bottom Meadow for the next 15 years. All home games will be played there as they have been this season. There will not be any increase in the number of games played by BTFC. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr J Porter and seconded by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and the following was

**RESOLVED
2523**

that permission is granted for Bracknell Town Football Club to groundshare with Sandhurst Town Football Club at Bottom Meadow. The agreement will be in place until the end of season 2037/38. This is subject to no increases in the number of matches being played. There will also be a break point every five years for each party to review and consider continuation of the arrangement. STFC must provide STC with an updated copy of their signed agreement with BTFC to cover this time period.

ACTION: EO

- c) The Committee reviewed the updated suggested designs for the main entrance gates to Bottom Meadow further to resolution 2461. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr J Porter and seconded by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and the following was

**RESOLVED
2524**

that the designs are approved subject to the removal of the word "The" on the sign saying welcome to the Bottom Meadow.

ACTION: EO

CRICKET CLUB (Agenda item 8)

- a) Further to resolution 2467, the Committee received the recommendations from the Head Groundsman concerning the request that the football pitch is moved by approximately 2 - 3ms to allow room for the patio extension at the front of the building. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr J Porter and seconded by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and the following was

**RESOLVED
2525**

that following confirmation from the Head Groundsman that the repositioning of the pitch would be possible, permission has been granted for the pitch to be moved after the current football season finishes.

ACTION: EO

- b) The Committee received a request from the Cricket Club asking for permission to allow them to work with a sports organisation to offer holiday activities for children throughout the coming year. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr J Porter and seconded by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and the following was

**RESOLVED
2526**

that permission for an external company to provide holiday activities is granted subject to them providing a copy of their public liability insurance and hire fees being paid.

ACTION: EO



SANDHURST ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION (Agenda item 9)
Cllr Mrs M Mossom did not contribute to the discussion or the decision-making process.

The Committee were asked to consider a request from the Sandhurst Allotment Association for permission for pathways to be installed in the Allotments. This request has been made as a new allotment holder has disabilities and pathways would assist them with access to their plot and the water facilities. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr P Bettison and the following was

RESOLVED
2527

that permission is granted for the Sandhurst Allotment Association to install pathways in the allocated areas. This is subject to SAA obtaining any necessary planning permission and funding for the project.

ACTION: EO

BUDGET REVIEW (Agenda item 10)

An update was received concerning the proposed budget for the Leisure Committee for 2022/23. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr J Porter and seconded by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and the following was

RESOLVED
2528

that the following amendments are made to the budget. The budget for Summer of Fun is increased by £500 to £4500. The budget for Footpaths is increased by £50,000 either by increasing the reserve or by agreement to utilise CIL funds, the reserve for the main car park has been increased by £5,000 to £50,000. There will be a £25,000 transfer from the previous year's budget into the Music Festival reserve. The budget was accepted by the Committee and will be presented to the Strategy and Policy Committee.

ACTION: EO

PRESS AND PUBLICATION FORWARD PLAN (Agenda item 11)

There were no items requested by this meeting to be added to the publicity and press forward plan.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS (Agenda item 12)

There were no reports received.

SPORTS CLUB (Agenda item 13)

No representative present.

SANDHURST RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (Agenda item 14)

The Committee were informed that the next magazine is due out in March 2022.

SPORTING CLUBS AND SOCIETIES (Agenda item 15)

T Dean from Sandhurst Town Football Club reported that the team have played 22 games, won 11 drawn 4 and lost 7. They are currently 5th in the league table. The team got through to the quarter final of the premier league cup but lost that game. They are still in another cup and have a big game against Camberley coming up.

260 season tickets have been given out free of charge to local clubs to encourage supporters.



There will be an open evening on 15/3/22 at 6pm. This is an open invitation to all Councillors and Clubs on the park.

M Bird from 3rd Sandhurst Scouts reported that the outdoor sessions have been going very well and that they are looking to improve the acoustics in the Scout Hut as the volume of noise created by 30 children can be challenging. The roof is in need of repair and quotes are currently being sought.

M Bird requested that STC consider putting hazard tape around the pole/barrier by the electric barrier pedestrian entrance as it is difficult to see in the dark.

M Bird also reminded the Committee about the ongoing issue with the water that doesn't drain away by the electric barrier.

P Dodds from the Sandhurst Allotment Association informed the Committee that the AGM will be held on 17/2/22. He has stated that he is not happy with the parking situation and has asked for clarity on the decision taken in the last meeting.

S Hards from Sandhurst Cricket Club reported that the Committee had begun to look into planning permission for the various improvements that they wish to undertake as discussed in the previous meeting. The project for the nets is the next big thing for the club and they will be crowd funding and offering prizes. Any donations of prizes will be gratefully received. The club are also arranging a banner for the A frame.

J Sheppard from Sandhurst & District Gardening Club reported that the club have just held their first club night since the lockdown. Shows and trips have been planned for the coming year. The AGM will be held on 16/2/22 and everyone is welcome to attend. There will be a talk at the meeting from the BFC Rangers.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING (Agenda item16)

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 17th March 2022.

**SIGNED AND DATED BY
CHAIRMAN**

