

16th November 2023

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 **8.10pm**.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr Mrs J Bettison
Councillors: P Bettison, G Birch, M Forster, Dr S Forster, Mrs H Hill,
Mrs P Limbu, Mrs M Mossom, R Mossom, P Panesar.

IN ATTENDANCE

Executive Officer: Angela Carey
Cllr Mrs N Coppins

Non-voting representatives:
A Bromage (Sandhurst Tennis Club)
P Gunter (Sandhurst Allotments)
S Hards (Sandhurst Cricket Club)
B Penn (Sandhurst Tug of War)
C Reid (Sandhurst Football Club)
K Steinborn – Busse (SB Group)
L Steinborn – Busse (SB Group)
S Taylor - (3rd Sandhurst Scouts)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda item 1)

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors:
J Alves De Sousa (Vacation)
D Birch (Indisposed)
Mrs S Davenport (Indisposed)
P Widdowson (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 on the business to be discussed.

MINUTES OF THE LEISURE COMMITTEE (Agenda item 3)

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

RESOLVED 3093

that the minutes of the Leisure Committee meeting held on 21st September 2023 (pages 1457-1463) be received as a true and correct record and that they be confirmed and signed by the Chairman (Unanimous).

ACTION: EO

LARGE EVENTS (Agenda item 4)

An update was received following the Fireworks Event. Despite the rain the event was a great success with around 5000 people attending. The stage acts were very popular and the vendors were appreciative of the chance to attend again.



Cllr Mrs J Bettison gave thanks to the Executive Officer and all staff for their hard work in making the event a success.

DRAINAGE ISSUES (Agenda item 5)

The Committee were informed that the work has commenced on the drainage project and is going well. The first phase was finished in time for the weekend and therefore STC were able to reopen the access road for all fob users. The heavy rain was a good test for the new drain system and there was no excess water laying in the places where it would have been previously.

PUBLIC MEETING (Agenda item 6)

Following resolution 3042 a public meeting has been arranged. This will take place on 21st November 2023 7pm – 8.30pm. This will provide an opportunity for residents to put their questions to the SB Sport and Education Group. This has been publicised via facebook and notice boards.

TUG OF WAR SLATS (Agenda item 7)

The Committee received a request from the Tug of War Club asking to reinstate the slats by the gantry for training purposes. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs J Bettison and seconded by Cllr R Mossom and the following was

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that permission is granted for the Tug of War club to install a new set of slats that will be 60 ft in length and will run parallel to the road by the gantry. The installation will be undertaken by the Tug of War Team and any excess earth and waste will be removed by them. They will also refill and level the slat area following training sessions to ensure they are made good. (Unanimous)

ACTION: EO

LEISURE COMMITTEE BUDGET (Agenda item 8)

The Chairman informed the Committee of some ideas for the Leisure Committee to consider including funds for next years budget. These included improving the surface between the scout hut and the gardening hut, remarking the white lines in the main car park as these have faded, installing a splash pad and youth shelter. Other suggestions were received from the Committee which included improving ditches, installing an outdoor gym, a review of the lighting in the park, improving the footpath around the balancing pond and replacing the brick wall by the electric barrier on Brookside Meadow. The suggestions will be taken into account when preparing the budget for the Leisure Committee however each one will need to be considered individually by this Committee.

PRESS AND PUBLICATION FORWARD PLAN (Agenda item 9)

The Fireworks event will be added to the press and publicity plan and will be included in the Mayors Newsletter.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS (Agenda item 10)

Cllr Mrs H Hill informed the Committee that she had attended the AGM for the Blackwater Valley Trust on 3rd November 2023. This included a visit to Southwood in Farnborough to visit a SANG (suitable alternative natural greenspace) site. The site has a new café and is worth a visit.



Cllr M Forster informed the Committee the budget at BFC is being considered and will be tight this year.

SPORTS CLUB (Agenda item 11)

L Penn sent a report that was delivered by the Executive Officer- I'm really sorry but I am hosting the Clubs quiz night at that time so will be unable to attend.

Our update – short and sweet!

Thank you to Sandhurst Town Council and in particular the ground staff for working so hard to make the Firework night a success and of course the Remembrance Service.

The club is doing well and we are pleased that we can support other clubs where needed. We have a few events in the lead up to Christmas that will keep us busy!

SANDHURST RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (Agenda item 12)

No representative present.

SPORTING CLUBS AND SOCIETIES (Agenda item 13)

L Steinborn-Busse from the SB Group informed the Committee that the season is going well. The Under 13s Wildcats girls team played at the ground recently and are top of their table.

The Committee were also informed that a 17 year old player has been selected to play for the England Under 21s squad.

C Reid from Sandhurst Football Club informed the Committee that there had been a number of games lost due to flooded pitches with the recent rain. Some pitch use was also lost due to the condition of the ground following the firework event.

A request was made for the lights by the balancing pond to be turned on. STC confirmed that the control for those lights is situated in the clubhouse at Bottom Meadow and suggested that he liaise with the SB Group.

C Reid informed the Committee that the previous Lewis Marsh tournament has been replaced with the Lewis and Ethan Memorial Event.

S Hards from Sandhurst Cricket Club informed the Committee that there are two new committee members following their recent AGM. The fundraising for the refurbishment is done and the repairs will be finished shortly. There will be a reopening event for those that helped to fundraise on 15th December 2023.

The bar that the cricket club ran at the fireworks event was worthwhile and they would love to be involved in other future events.

The Cricket Club has been chosen as one of the community causes for fundraising by the Co-op for 2024. This involves downloading an app which will mean that 1p in every £1 spent will be donated to the club.

Going forward into 2024 the club would like to have the Allstars sessions again and are looking to have girl's cricket.

A request was made for a banner to be displayed in the A frame.

A Bromage from Sandhurst Tennis Club informed the Committee that it has not been great weather for tennis. The club have joined the Berkshire Winter leagues but are not doing too well.

B Penn from Sandhurst Tug of War confirmed that the Sandhurst team that represented England in the men's 560 Kg weight category came 10th in the



competition. They are planning to go to the competition in Germany next year to build on their success.

Training has gone down to once a week and will be indoors during the winter. The ladies team have also begun training again.

B Penn thanked STC for the grant that they recently issued to the club.

S Taylor from the 3rd Sandhurst Scouts informed the Committee that all junior sessions are now currently full. They are currently planning to expand the Explorers.

There has been no further leaks of sewage at the Scout Hut despite the heavy rainfall. A letter has been sent to BFC about the sewage from the Scouts.

P Gunter from the Sandhurst & District Allotment Association informed the Committee that the allotment holders are harvesting and getting ready for winter. There were 14 jars of honey produced from the bee hives recently. November is the time for the annual renewals of membership and all existing members chose to renew.

The roof to the container unit has been repaired and SDAA have requested a grant from STC to help with the costs of the repair.

A planning application is underway for the outside toilet that was previously discussed in a Leisure Committee Meeting.

The plot that has raised beds for people with limited mobility has not been taken. If anyone is aware of someone that may enjoy the facility please let the SDAA know.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING (Agenda item 14)

The date of the next meeting is confirmed as 18th January 2024.

SIGNED AND DATED CHAIRMAN

