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Chairman: Cllr Carole Mulroney
Vice Chairman: Cllr Helen Robertson
Town Clerk: Paul Beckerson

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LEISURE DEVELOPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE
HELD AT 7.30PM ON MONDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2016
AT LEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE, 71-73 ELM ROAD, LEIGH-ON-SEA

Present: Cllrs: Karen Bowden, Valerie Morgan, Carole Mulroney, Ron Owen, Caroline Parker, Helen Robertson and co-opted members Pete Horrocks and Steve Hodder

Also in attendance: Helen Symmons (Assistant Town Clerk)

The meeting opened at 7.30 pm

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Mulroney as Chairman of Council opened the meeting and introduced the agenda item.

Following a proposal (Cllr Morgan, seconded Cllr Robertson) the Sub-Committee **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Owen as Chairman of the Sub-Committee.

Cllr Owen took the Chair and asked for nominations for Vice Chairman.

Following a proposal (Cllr Owen, seconded Cllr Bowden) the Sub-Committee **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Morgan as Vice Chairman of the Sub-Committee

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Co-opted member David Watson

3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Cllr Mulroney declared a non-pecuniary interest as a Cllr for Southend Borough Council who own the land

4. NOTES OF THE SKATE PARK PDG 2ND SEPTEMBER 2016

These were **NOTED**

Cllr Owen reported on behalf of Cllr Bowden that he had made contact with Veolia and he is still trying to discover whether a survey has been undertaken in the past. The Assistant Town Clerk confirmed the record of old letters confirming that ECC landfill records indicated that there was no contamination on the existing skate park site.

The Sub-Committee **REQUESTED** that a letter be sent to ECC and SBC to ascertain as to whether a survey had ever been done on the land south of the skate park and whether LTC can undertake this and if a preferred supplier is recommended.

Peter Horrocks had provided a mood board with potential activities to Cllr Morgan to take to SBC.

Cllr Robertson reported on her findings with regard to grant funding. The SAVS Funding Development Officer has provided information indicating restricted funding to Councils. Where there is potential, the criteria is strict. SAVS are happy to assist with sourcing once

the projects aims and costs are known. Cllr Mulronee advised that SBC had indicated that they too would assist with sourcing of grant funding where possible. Funding via crowd funding or a Kickstarter project could also be considered as could the formation of a Community Interest Company.

5. REPORT 2615

The Sub-Committee **NOTED** the report

6. REPORT FOLLOWING MEETING WITH SBC

Cllr Mulronee reported on the meeting. Community feedback was recommended and so a questionnaire has been included in the forthcoming LTC news. A survey monkey link to schools was considered a good idea and Cllr Robertson, Morgan and the Assistant Town Clerk will work on this once the Christmas events are completed.

Cllr Morgan reported that she has also made contact with the RSPB and Natural England.

7. REPORT FOLLOWING ANNUAL INSPECTION OF SKATE PARK

The Committee **NOTED** the report and felt it a reasonable assessment with aspects that can be tackled in the short term but that it needs to be looked at in conjunction with any refurbishment programme.

It was understood that the Senior Administrator had already been sourcing bin types. The Sub-Committee would now like her to investigate whether concrete bins would be suitable.

Meeting Conclusion

It was understood that Dave Watson has a report regarding the refurbishment and extension of the existing skate park. Until this is received, the Sub-Committee cannot move forward.

Peter Horrocks and Cllr Morgan will liaise in the meantime with regard to ideas and quotes for the other part of the leisure development.

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 5th December at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm