

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel (to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Wednesday, 2 October 2024

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor F L Burgess (Chairman)

Councillor Mrs L E Clubley (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs S M Bayford, R N Bird, Miss T Harper, L J Whittle and
D P Wiltshire

Also Present: Councillor Mrs P M Bryant (Item 7)



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies of absence were received at the meeting.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes from the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel meeting held on the 25 June 2024 be signed and confirmed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made the following announcement: -

I would just like to say how much I enjoyed the Gala event at Fareham Live last night (01 October 2024). Fareham Live is a superb venue and team have done us proud. I am sure that the increased footfall produced by this great venue into will have a positive impact with our vision for the Town Centre. I would like to pass on my thanks to everyone involved.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OF ADVICE OR DIRECTIONS

No declarations of interest were received at the meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

No deputations were received at the meeting.

6. FAREHAM PARK VISION UPDATE

The Panel received an Executive report and supporting presentation from the Leisure and Community Officer providing Members with an update on the Fareham Park Vision to create a Masterplan for new leisure, community and recreation facilities.

The presentation, which is appended to these Minutes, provided Members with a detailed overview of the developing project including, timescales, community engagement and how this has fed into the options chosen and the next steps with the Executive decision on Monday 07 October, which if approved will allow for the planning application to be submitted in the coming months.

Members of the Panel showed overall support for the exciting project, although raised concerns over the uncertainty surrounding the car parking on site, due to the current Hampshire County Council consultation with regards to the future of Henry Cort school. Members of the Panel were reassured by the Officers' phased approach which will allow for the various possible scenarios to be fed into the project as it moves forward.

RESOLVED that the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel:-

- a) note the contents of the Executive report at Appendix 1; and

- b) ask that the Executive consider the comments above at their meeting on the 07 October 2024.

7. LEISURE AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS UPDATE

The Panel received a report with supporting presentation from the Leisure and Community Manager which updated Members on a variety of ongoing projects which are being managed within the Leisure and Community function that do not require a full report.

At the invitation of the Chairman Councillor Mrs P M Bryant contributed to discussion on this item.

Throughout the presentation Members of the Panel asked questions for clarification on the various workstreams and projects highlighted.

During discussions regarding the new Fareham Live venue, Members asked that Officers liaise with Trafalgar Theatres to investigate options for affordable ticketing, in particular the pantomime which although competitively priced, remains unaffordable for those families on lower incomes.

Members also discussed the future of the Westbury Manor Museum building in detail, with Hampshire Cultural Trust due to vacate the premises by Christmas. Members were reassured that the Asset Management Team are in regular discussions with Savills (who have been appointed to sell the property) to secure an appropriate buyer for this much-loved Fareham building.

RESOLVED that the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel notes the contents of the summary report and updates contained within the presentation.

8. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

Members of the Panel were asked to consider the items of Executive business, including a tabled item which was circulated to Members ahead of the meeting and will be published with these Minutes.

(1) Community Fund Application - 1st Locks Heath Scouts

No questions or comments of clarification were received.

(2) Community Fund Application - Live Art Local

Members enquired about this decision as the pilot event for which the funds had been allocated had been postponed. Officers reassured the Panel that until Live Art Local have secured a date for their pilot event the funds would not be released.

(3) Fareham Park Play Area - Award of Contract

No questions or comments of clarification were received.

(4) Community Fund Application - Stubbington Football Club

No questions or comments of clarification were received.

9. LEISURE AND COMMUNITY SCRUTINY PANEL PRIORITIES

The Panel were invited to consider the priorities for the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel.

RESOLVED that Members considered the priorities for the Panel.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 7.36 pm).

..... Chairman

..... Date