

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Leisure and Community Policy Development and Review Panel (to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Wednesday, 15 May 2013

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor Miss S M Bell, (Chairman)

Councillors: N R Gregory, T G Knight, Mrs K Mandry (deputising for M J Ford (Vice-Chairman),Mrs S Pankhurst and R H Price, JP

Also Present: Councillor Mrs C L A Hockley, Executive Member for Leisure and Community (Minute 6)



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs Bryant and Councillor M J Ford, JP, (Vice-Chairman.

2. MINUTES

It was AGREED that the minutes of the Leisure and Community Policy Development and Review Panel meeting held on 6 March 2013 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman thanked officers for arranging the member visit to Fareham Leisure Centre, the Park Lane site and Fareham Bowls Club, which had taken place that afternoon. Councillor Price and Councillor Mrs Hockley, (Executive Portfolio holder for Leisure and Community) passed on their apologies that they had been unable to attend the visit.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OR ADVICE OR DIRECTIONS

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

6. PRESENTATION - INTRODUCTION TO THE ROLE OF THE LEISURE AND COMMUNITY POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW PANEL (INTRODUCTION TO KEY STAFF, ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2012/13, CHALLENGES AND PRIORITIES FOR 2013/14)

The Panel received a presentation from the Director of Community, Head of Leisure and Community and Officers within the Department of Leisure and Community, which provided an overview of the wide range of services provided by each of the teams within the section, the main achievements for 2012/13 and projects to be undertaken in 2013/14 and beyond. Particular mention was made about the success of the two significant events of 2012, the Queens Jubilee and the Olympic Torch Relay.

The presentation informed members about the work of the following four teams:-

- Leisure Development
- Community Development
- Ferneham Hall
- Countryside Service

It was noted that the strategic issues which would have an impact on the service in future years included:-

- Welborne - Planning for the community, sport and green infrastructure in the new community;
- Green Infrastructure_- Strategy to mitigate impact of new development on Solent Special Protection Area;
- Locks Heath District Centre Redevelopment; and
- Community Infrastructure Levy - Impact on open spaces improvement programme

At the invitation of the Chairman Councillor Mrs Hockley addressed members during the discussion on this item.

The Panel was invited to ask questions or comment on matters covered in the presentation and suggest any items for inclusion in the Panel's future work programme.

It was AGREED that:-

- (a) The Director of Community, Head of Leisure and Community and officers be thanked for a very comprehensive and informative presentation; and
- (b) Officers be congratulated for their hard work and effort especially during what proved to be a very busy year.

7. LEISURE AND COMMUNITY POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW PANEL WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2013/14 - REVIEW AND INITIAL ENDORSEMENT

The Panel considered a report by the Director of Community regarding the Panel's proposed work programme for 2013/14. The following items were suggested for inclusion in the forthcoming work programme either for consideration at a specific meeting or as an item to be allocated to a future meeting:-

- Outcome of the consultation on Portchester MUGA - proposed to be reported to the meeting on 24 July 2013;
- Proposals for refurbishment of existing changing rooms, replacement grounds maintenance store and other works at Bath Lane Recreation Ground - to be reported to the meeting on 4 September 2013;
- Review of Community Buildings - results of Titchfield CATS Area Needs Assessment;
- Hampshire County Council Review of Community Sector Funding; and
- Update on the future of Westbury Manor Museum.

In response to a proposal by Councillor Gregory that the Panel receive an update report on the Fareham Park Project, members were informed that a report on this matter was being submitted to the Executive and would therefore not need to be added to the Panel's work programme.

It was AGREED that, subject to the revisions shown below, the Panel's work programme for 2013/14 be approved:-

- (a) An item to consider the outcome of the consultation on Portchester MUGA be added to the work programme for 24 July 2013;
- (b) Proposals for refurbishment of existing changing rooms, replacement grounds maintenance store and other works at Bath Lane Recreation Ground be added to the work programme for 4 September 2013;
- (c) Review of Community Buildings - results of Titchfield CATS Area Needs Assessment, be added to the work programme as an unallocated item;
- (d) Hampshire County Council Review of Community Sector Funding be added to the work programme as an unallocated item; and
- (e) Update on the future of Westbury Manor Museum be added to the work programme as an unallocated item.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 7.40 pm).