

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

Date: Wednesday, 9 November 2016

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Mrs L E Clubley (Chairman)

(Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs S M Bayford, Mrs C L A Hockley, D L Steadman and
Mrs K K Trott

Also Present: Miss S M Bell (Executive Member for Leisure and Community)



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ms S Pankhurst (Councillor Mrs Clubley deputising) and M J Ford, JP.

2. MINUTES

It was AGREED that the Minutes of the Leisure and Community Policy Development and Review Panel held on the 07 September 2016 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman stated that in respect of the presentation on the official opening of the Holly Hill Leisure Centre which will be given later in the meeting, she wanted to give her thanks to all Officers, Members and everyone involved in the project and the opening event.

The Chairman announced that the Fareham Town Centre Christmas Lights switch on event will be held on Sunday 27th November between 1pm – 5pm. There will be lots to do and the Christmas lights will be officially switched on at 4.45pm followed by a fireworks display.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OR ADVICE OR DIRECTIONS

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

6. LEISURE EVENTS PROGRAMME

The Panel received a presentation from the Leisure and Community Officer on the programme of leisure events provided by the Council.

The presentation outlined the purpose of events which included promoting the Town Centre and encouraging community engagement. The Leisure and Community Team have taken responsibility, within the Council, for organising Access All Areas and SNAP events for young people aged 11 to 16.

Events take place throughout the year with 23 events in 2016 with an approximate attendance of 7,000 people.

The Leisure and Community Officer discussed how events were promoted, which events had taken place and were still to come. The Christmas lights switch on is the next large event followed by a programme and outlined new events for 2017.

Councillor Mrs Hockley requested her comments be recorded that all events held this year have been excellent.

The Leisure and Community Officer was thanked for her presentation.

7. HOLLY HILL LEISURE CENTRE OPENING

The Panel received a presentation from the Head of Leisure and Environmental Services on the official opening of Holly Hill Leisure Centre which took place on the 10 October 2016.

The Head of Leisure and Environmental Services gave the Panel some of the statistics for the new centre which included that since the open date to the end of October there have been:

9,000 swimmers in attendance;
8,000 people attending the gym;
700 group exercise classes held; and
3,500 individual swimming lessons.

The Centre has also seen an unprecedented amount of junior members signing up to join. The Head of Leisure and Environmental Services also stated that 1,600 memberships were sold before the Centre opened. These are both unprecedented across any leisure centres managed by Everyone Active.

Members discussed whether people attending the centre were coming from outside of the Borough and the Head of Leisure and Environmental Services stated that there would be a better understanding of the demographics of members and people using the centre by March 2017.

8. REVIEW OF WORK PROGRAMME

The Panel considered a report by the Director of Operations which reviews the Panel's proposed Work Programme for 2016/17.

Members agreed to move the Holly Hill Leisure Centre update from the January 2017 meeting to the March 2017 meeting.

The Head of Leisure and Environmental Services highlighted to Members that there were two unallocated items within the Work Programme: Cams Alders Vision and Open Spaces Improvement Programme and asked Members to consider these staying on the Work Programme as unallocated until such time as enough progress has been made to report these back to the Panel.

It was AGREED that:

(a) the Panel note the Work Programme;

(b) the Holly Hill Leisure Centre update is moved to the March 2017 meeting; and

(c) the Cams Alders Vision and Open Spaces Improvement Programme remain on the Work Programme as unallocated items.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 6.43 pm).