

# FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

**Date:** Tuesday, 4 February 2025

**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 C L A Hockley (Executive Member for Leisure and Community), Councillor F W Birkett (Item 8) and Councillor Mrs L M Birkett (Item 8).



**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies of absence were received.

**2. MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes from the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel meeting held on the 02 October 2024 be signed and confirmed as a correct record.

**3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman made no announcements at the meeting.

**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. OPPORTUNITIES PLAN UPDATE**

The Panel received a report from the Policy, Engagement and Research Manager which presented an overall update on the current Opportunities Plan including projects linked to the Leisure and Community Portfolio.

Members of the Panel had attended a Opportunities Plan Workshop prior to the Panel meeting. The Policy, Engagement and Research Manager thanked the Panel Members for attending the workshop as their input is fundamental in developing the plan moving forward.

RESOLVED that the Leisure and Community Panel considered the progress of the current Opportunities Plan projects.

**7. SCOPING REPORT - EVERYONE ACTIVE**

Members of the Panel considered a Scoping Report that had been drafted to accompany an invitation to ask Everyone Active to attend a future meeting of the Panel.

The Leisure and Community Manager advised that the Climate Change Scrutiny Panel will be invited along to the same meeting, as several elements of the presentation from Everyone Active will be of interest to Members of that Panel.

Members considered the contents of the scoping report and agreed that this will be a very informative presentation for the Panel.

RESOLVED that the Panel note the contents of the scoping report.

## **8. FAREHAM PARK VISION**

The Panel received a presentation from the Leisure and Community Manager which provided an update on the Fareham Park Vision. The presentation provided details on the progress of both Phase 1 & 2 of the project and information on the next steps. A copy of the presentation has been published with these Minutes.

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Mrs, L and F Birkett to the meeting as Ward Councillors for Fareham Park.

Phase 1 of the project includes the installation of the new play area which is near completion. Members were delighted with the new facility which has equipment for children of all ages and abilities. The play area will be open within the coming weeks, with a formal grand opening to take place in the Spring.

Phase 2 will provide a new Community Centre at the site, for which an outline planning application has been submitted. The Leisure and Community Manager explained the planning process and how it is hoped that this phase will be funded. Information was also provided on the role of the Advisory Committee, which is Chaired by Councillor F Birkett and how this is an integral part of the ongoing consultation with the community in the development of the new community facility.

RESOLVED that the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel note the contents of the presentation.

## **9. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS**

Members of the Panel were asked for any comments or questions with regards to the items of Executive Business.

### **(1) Voluntary Sector Funding Application - Titchfield Community Association**

No questions or comments were received.

### **(2) Fareham Park Vision Update**

No questions or comments were received.

### **(3) Community Funding Application - Portchester Choir**

No questions or comments were received.

### **(4) Community Funding Application - Titchfield Village Trust**

No questions or comments were received.

**10. LEISURE AND COMMUNITY SCRUTINY PANEL PRIORITIES**

Members of the Panel were asked to consider the Scrutiny Priorities for the Panel. Members of the Panel asked if a scoping report could be considered to invite Y-Services to a Panel meeting during 2025/26.

The Assistant Director (Democracy) addressed the Panel to advise that Officers have already contacted Everyone Active who are able to attend the meeting on the 25 March 2025. The hope is also to draft another Scoping report for Shopmobility to attend a future meeting of the Panel which will also be brought to the March meeting for consideration, along with a Leisure and Community Project update.

RESOLVED that the Panel considered the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Priorities.

(The meeting started at 6.06 pm  
and ended at 7.05 pm).

..... Chairman

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