

SOUTH SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL
(CENTRAL SWINDON SOUTH PARISH COUNCIL)

LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2022 at 6.30pm

In the Parish Council Office, Gladstone Street

- Present** Cllr N Hopkins Chair
Cllr L Kasmaty Vice Chair
Cllr J Ali
Cllr S Allsopp
Cllr V Ayris
Cllr J Firmin Sub Cllr P Herring
Cllr J Miah
Cllr S Pajak
- Apologies** Cllr T Philpot
Cllr P Herring Sub Cllr J Firmin
- Not Present Officers** Cllr J Milner-Barry
- Jake Mee Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Matt Leather Deputy Chief Executive Officer (DCEO)
Abigail Scutts Events Manager
Martin Hambidge Parish Open Space Consultant (POSC)
Theresa Gordon Planning & Agenda Clerk
- Public** One
- Public Questions** None
- Apologies** Cllr T Philpot
Cllr J Miah
- 1637** **Declaration of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**
None
- 1638** **Glenwood Allotment Access Track**
The CEO submitted a report regarding the Glenwood Allotment access track, a copy of which appears as appendix A in the Minute Book.
- The CEO said that the access roads leading from Glenwood Close to Glenwood allotment site is in disrepair and requires major work. Access to the site belongs to Swindon Borough Council who have given permission for works to proceed and Nationwide will pay for the section that gives access to Nationwide HQ and 50% of the cost for the section leading to Glenwood allotment site. Councillors discussed the details of the report.
- 3. Recommendations**
- 3.1** That South Swindon Parish Council enter a Service Level Agreement with Nationwide Ltd as per 2.5
- 3.2** That subject to the agreement with Nationwide being signed, Company 4 be selected to resurface the Glenwood Allotments access Road based on specification and price as per 2.4
- 3.3** That subject to the works to the track being completed, that the signage be erected at both ends of the track as per 2.6
- RESOLVED** that recommendations 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 be approved en-bloc

1689 **Theatre and Music at the Bowl**

The Events Manager submitted a report regarding theatre and music events taking place at the Bowl in summer 2022, a copy of which appears as appendix B in the Minute Book.

The Events Manager gave an overview of the report and costs, which were discussed by Councillors at length. The Chair thanked the Events Manager for all the work she had put into producing the events.

6. Recommendations

- 6.1** Request support for the proposal to launch the 2022 Theatre At The Bowl and Music At The Bowl Season at the end of March.
- 6.2** Request support for the proposal to facilitate a long-term collaboration with Swindon Theatres, including mutually beneficial promotion as described in Point 4.1.
- 6.3** Request support for the proposal to sell tickets via the Town Gardens Café, as described in Point 2.2.

RESOLVED that recommendations 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3 be approved en-bloc

1690 **New Rewilding Site- Lowry Way**

The Parish Open Spaces Consultation submitted a report regarding an additional site for rewilding in 2022, a copy of which appears as appendix C in the Minute Book.

The Open Space Consultant gave an overview of the report and that a said that a subgroup would be working on the project and further re-wilding plans which Councillors then discussed.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1** Resolve to agree to proceed with the re-wilding areas identified along Lowry Way and to include this site to the list of re-wilding sites for 2022 as previously agreed by the LEA Committee on the 9th November 2021.

RESOLVED that recommendation 3.1 be approved.

- 3.2** Resolve to agree that a further assessment of the Lowry Way sites be undertaken during the growing season to establish the diversity of species growing at this site.

RESOLVED that recommendation 3.2 be approved.

1691 **South Swindon in Bloom 2022 Plan**

The Deputy CEO submitted a report regarding the progress of the Parish Council's In Bloom submission for 2022, a copy of which appears as appendix D in the Minute Book.

The Deputy CEO said that it had been resolved at the November 2022 Leisure, Environment and Amenities meeting that South Swindon Parish would participate in the RHS In-Bloom 2022 competition. Councillors discussed the details of the report

Cllr J Ali arrived during this item.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1** That the Committee note the report.

RESOLVED that the report be Noted.

- 3.2** That Councillors be nominated for the judging committee of the South Swindon Front Garden Competition (self-nominations are welcomed).

RESOLVED that recommendation 3.2 be approved.

1692 **Queen's Park/Broadgreen PSPO Update**

The Deputy CEO submitted a report regarding the proposed PSPO for Queen's Park and Broadgreen, a copy of which appears as appendix E in the Minute Book.

Councillors discussed the details in the report.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1** Endorse the position of the Services Working Party for the Parish Council not devolved enforcement powers for the PSPOs for Queen's Park and Broadgreen not take on.

RESOLVED that recommendation 3.1 as amended be approved.

- 3.2** Consider the next steps for the Parish Council regarding the PSPO for Queen's Park and Broadgreen.

RESOLVED. that the Parish Council support resident's feedback for Queens Park and Broadgreen be approved.

- 3.3** The Parish Council will reconsider the position should Swindon Borough Council propose to implement enforcement of the PSPO.

RESOLVED to approve recommendation 3.3.

1693 **Queen's Park Mesothelioma Garden Refurbishment**

The CEO submitted a report regarding the refurbishment of the Mesothelioma Garden in Queen's Park, a copy of which appears as appendix F in the Minute Book.

The CEO gave a background of the origin of the garden and the refurbishment required as shown in the report.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1** That a 3D design and costings are drawn up for the garden as per 2.5 of the report for approval of Council and to better consult with the families of sufferers of Mesothelioma in Swindon.

RESOLVED that recommendation 31 be approved.

- 3.2** That the Parish Council hold a consultation with the families of sufferers of Mesothelioma in Swindon with feedback to be brought to a future Council meeting.

RESOLVED that recommendation 3.2 be approved.

1694 **Tree Planting Update**

The Deputy CEO gave a verbal update regarding tree planting taking place across the Parish Council area.

The Deputy CEO said that a number of tree planting projects had taken place recently across the Parish including a tiny forest in conjunction with Nationwide, Valiant and Earth Watch. Councillors discussed the background of work done at Westcott possible further planting areas and the type of trees planted.

NOTED

1695 **Events Report**

The Events Manager submitted a report regarding the latest position of Town Gardens Bowls Club, regarding Parish events and private bookings, a copy of which appears as appendix G in the Minute Book.

The Events Manager gave an overview of the report and financial information was provided by the CEO and its contents which was considered by the Councillors.

6. Recommendations

- 6.1** Support the Events Working Party's proposal to allow Park Play to use GWR Park for their events without charge, as described in Point 2 of the report.

RESOLVED that recommendation 5.1 be approved.

- 6.2** Support the proposal for The Big Jubilee Lunch to take place in Queen's Park on Sunday 5th June 2022, as described in Point

RESOLVED that recommendation 5.2 be approved.

- 6.3** Consider supporting the proposal for ATB Shop to use Buckhurst Skate Park without a charge during the Easter holidays, as described in Point 4.

RESOLVED that recommendation 5.3 be approved.

- 6.4** Consider supporting free use of the Town Gardens Bowl for the Sustainable Swindon Festival, as described in Point 5.

RESOLVED that recommendation 5.4 be deferred to the Finance and Staffing Committee.

1696 **Town Gardens Bowls Club**

The CEO submitted a report regarding the latest position of Town Gardens Bowls Club, a copy of which appears as appendix H in the Minute Book.

The CEO clarified the details in the report which councillors discussed.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1** That the Committee note the report.

NOTED

1697 **Jubilee Play Equipment**

The CEO submitted a report regarding installation of new play equipment, a copy of which appears as appendix I in the Minute Book.

The CEO gave an overview of the report and explained that the Quarry Road Play Area had been identified as needing remedial work and that he had found a particularly good replacement package as described in the report.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1** That the package as detailed in 2.2 of the report be purchased from Creative Play

RESOLVED that recommendation 3.1 be approved.

- 3.2** That the Dart Activity Centre and Basket Swing be installed at Quarry Road Play Area and the remaining kit be kept for installation in other play areas as required.

RESOLVED that recommendation 3.2 be approved.

1698 **GWR Park – Trainee Gardener Planting Schemes**

The CEO submitted a report regarding two new planting schemes by Parish Trainee Gardeners, a copy of which appears as appendix J in the Minute Book.

The CEO said that he had asked two of the parishes trainee gardeners to each create a plan for bedding at GWR Park which included sustainability, ecology, alongside GWR Parks heritage. The Chair gave thanks to the trainee gardeners for their participation.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1** That the bed designs and planting requirements as per the attached GWR Bed 1 and GWR Bed 2 are approved.

RESOLVED that recommendation 3.1 be approved.

- 3.2** That once costings are achieved the planting is purchased using the Planting, General Maintenance and Building Maintenance budgets in that order including any necessary virements.

RESOLVED that recommendation 3.2 be approved.

1699 **Green Waste in Town Gardens - Woodchipper**

The CEO submitted a report regarding the purchase of a Woodchipper for the Parish Council, a copy of which appears as appendix K in the Minute Book.

The CEO said that Town Gardens green waste disposal is currently disposed of by Swindon Borough free of charge, however the borough will no longer continue removal. As shown in the report the Parish Council propose to purchase a woodchipper for use on-site. The CEO said that supplier 2 had sent a quote prior to the meeting therefore recommendation 3.2 would now be Supplier 2 is recommended.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1** To purchase a Timberwolf 230 petrol machine from Supplier 2 as per 2.4 at a cost of £14,950 less any trade in value of the current chipper.

RESOLVED that recommendation 3.1 as amended to show that procurement from Supplier 2 at a cost of £14,950 be approved.

- 3.2** To utilise the unused section in the North-West corner of Town Gardens to facilitate a composting area.

RESOLVED that recommendation 3.2 be approved.

1700 **Contaminated Land Strategy Consultation**

To consider a response to Swindon Borough Council's updated contaminated land strategy. a copy of which appears as appendix L in the Minute Book.

The Deputy CEO submitted a copy email from SBC regarding a contaminated Land Strategy Consultation for Councillors comments.

RESOLVED that Councillors send any comments to the Deputy CEO by 19th March to be forwarded to Swindon Borough Council.

The meeting closed at 20.43pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair of the Council