

Shirebrook

Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of the **Leisure Committee** of **Shirebrook Town Council**
held at 7:00pm on Wednesday 6th November 2024
at **Shirebrook Town Hall, 209 Station Road, Shirebrook, NG20 8AF.**

PRESENT Cllr. P Chapman – VICE CHAIRMAN Cllr. D Smith
Cllr. T Chapman Cllr. N Smith
Cllr. P Harford – CHAIRMAN

IN ATTENDANCE: Member/s of Public (2)
Mrs T Baxter – GENERAL MANAGER
Miss S Stevenson – MINUTE CLERK

F/24/026 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO APPROVE THE REASONS FOR THOSE ABSENCES.

Apologies had been received or tendered on behalf of the following;

Cllr. C Dale
Cllr. C Kane
Cllr. M Stockdale

Mrs J Jeffery – TOWN CLERK & RFO

RESOLVED: That the apologies and reasons for absence be accepted and approved.

F/24/027 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations of interests tendered to the meeting.

F/24/028 To approve the minutes of the Leisure Committee of the Town Council having been held on the 4th of September 2024.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

F/24/029 TO REVIEW AND NOTE THE CONTENTS OF THE LEISURE MANAGER’S REPORT.

The General Manager presented her report informing members how the Fireworks Display had proved a great success with record numbers attending; accepting that the weather being mild had most likely contributed. She added how much positive feedback had been received praising the management and safety aspects especially, of the event.

She went on to give an overview of events for the festive season, advising how tickets for the Senior Citizens’ Christmas Dinner were again proving popular, as was the breakfast with Santa event for the children. She added how the Christmas Market was able to go ahead, despite the limited space due to the renovation works with many of the usual children’s activities being provided. There was some discussion regarding the upheaval of the renovations as well as the bus stop works, but generally the Leisure Manager felt with the assistance of Chris McKinney, traders and visitors were generally understanding.

The Chair added that he was happy to inform members that the £15 million had now been received by Bolsover District Council. Some discussion took place, and the Chair continued to say, that the appropriate funds will be directed to completing the market.

F/24/030 TO REVIEW AND DECIDE ACTION ON MATTERS RAISED BY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN.**a. LARGE BOXING EVENTS – BAR ARRANGEMENTS.**

Some discussion took place regarding numbers allowed to attend such events. The Leisure Manager explained that there had been a misunderstanding in the numbers attending a previous event, but lessons had been learned and the Organisers promised to be more proactive in managing their ticket sales, adhering to any agreed caps set.

b. OUTDOOR PITCH FOR LEISURE CENTRE.

The Chair informed members that this was still under discussion with the Football Association as they were insisting on project managing the works as a cost of £6,000. He asked members to support the proposal to reject the FA’s condition and all were in favour of doing so. There was some discussion regarding funding options that might help with various ongoing leisure projects and the Chair went on to say that since the change in government, it is not known what funding is available at this time, but he assured members that the FA will let us know as they learn more themselves.

RESOLVED: To reject the Football Association proposal to project manage the installation of a pitch.

F/24/031 TO RECEIVE UPDATE RELATING TO PROPOSED PUMP TRACK FROM CLLR. NICOLA SMITH.

Cllr. N Smith gave a brief presentation of her proposal to seek funding in order to create a pump track. Her presentation included some sizing and placing within the leisure centre grounds and much discussion took place about safety and security. Cllr. Smith continued to say that of course proper investigation to fulfil all criteria required for such construction and use will be sought.

RESOLVED: To progress with seeking funding and costings.

F/24/032 TO CONSIDER RESPONSES AS NECESSARY TO LISTED CORRESPONDENCE.

a. CHRIS BOYLE – XBOX BOXING ACADEMY – REQUEST TO WAIVE FEES.

Members discussed this request and ultimately agreed to reject the request as this is not a registered charity nor is it a Shirebrook business.

RESOLVED: To reject the request.

b. CLLR. M STOCKDALE – SUPPORT FOR PUMP TRACK

Cllr. Stockdale had made a donation of £200 towards the pump track development.

F/24/033 TO APPROVE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE LEISURE COMMITTEE.

The date for the next Meeting of the Leisure Committee of Shirebrook Town Council is set as the 26th of February 2025, in accordance with the approved meeting schedule.

SIGNED: _____ **COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

DATE: _____