

Shirebrook

Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of the **Leisure Committee** of **Shirebrook Town Council**
having been held at **7:00pm** on **Wednesday** the **26th** of **June 2024**
at **Shirebrook Town Hall, 209 Station Road, Shirebrook, NG20 8AF.**

PRESENT Cllr. P Chapman Cllr. D Smith
Cllr. T Chapman Cllr. N Smith
Cllr. S Cheeseman Cllr. M Stockdale
Cllr. P Harford – COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Mrs J Jeffery - TOWN CLERK & RFO

IN ATTENDANCE: Member/s of Public (0)
Mrs T Baxter – GENERAL MANAGER
Miss S Stevenson – MINUTE CLERK

L/24/009 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. V Kirby

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

L/24/010 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

No declarations of interests were tendered to the meeting.

L/24/011 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LEISURE COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HAVING BEEN HELD ON THE 28TH OF FEBRUARY 2024.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

L/24/012 TO REVIEW AND NOTE THE CONTENTS OF THE LEISURE MANAGER'S REPORT.

The General Manager presented her report which included the latest income figures, showing an improved figure from the same period in the previous year.

She went on to give an overview of events for the summer season, adding that bookings for the upcoming day trips had been extremely successful. She added how the trial of the new game craze, Pickleball, had proved a great success.

Finally, members were informed how we had been successful in securing the Holiday Attendance and Food programme funding which would assist with the delivery of activities plus the provision of food and refreshments to children aged 5-11 years for 16 days. This is always a popular and well attended venture.

a. TO REVIEW AND DECIDE ACTION RELATING TO OUTDOOR PITCH.

The General Manager informed members that the outdoor football pitch is coming to the end of its use and will need replacing within the next 6 months. Discussions took place regarding the pros and cons of different surfaces. Cllr. Harford said he will liaise with Liam Rooney, a County FA official to investigate the possibility of funding assistance.

b. TO APPROVE PURCHASE REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL SUM UP MACHINE.

The General Manager presented a case to request the purchase of new card receipt machines as they currently had too few to enable delivery of an efficient service either at the Leisure Centre or at the Village Hall. It was agreed that purchasing two machines would allow adequate provision at both sites.

RESOLVED: That approval be given to purchase two new SumUp machines at a cost of £99.00 - £119.00 each.

c. TO APPROVE COSTS FOR H&S REVIEW AND REPAIR TO DIVIDING CURTAIN IN HALL.

The General Manager explained how the dividing curtain, which is a necessary requirement to our sports hall, needs repair and maintenance to ensure it will comply with H&S regulations. Quotes were provided for consideration, and it was agreed that this equipment should be brought back to standard.

RESOLVED: That approval be granted for the H&S costs at £670.00 and the repair costs for the dividing curtain at a cost of £1,155.00 plus vat.

L/24/013 TO REVIEW AND DECIDE ACTION ON MATTERS RAISED BY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN.**a. TO REVIEW PHASED PLAN FOR TOWN PARK SITE AND DECIDE ON NEXT ACTION.**

The Chair informed members that though Pulse had returned their costing figures we were awaiting information from Dragonfly Developments.

b. TO DISCUSS SHIREBROOK SKATE PARK AND DECIDE ON MAINTENANCE ACTION.

The Chair informed members that we are awaiting a costing report from the company who had recently assessed the site.

RESOLVED: That a special meeting be called to discuss the matter once costings are available.

c. TO REVIEW POTENTIAL FOR PLACEMENT OF OUTDOOR GYM EQUIPMENT ON TOWN PARK.

The Chair asked members to discuss the need for outdoor gym equipment as these were proving popular in various council parks. Much discussion took place considering the costs and security of such an investment, given this would be an expense that would not deliver any financial reward but could potentially become a burden if maintenance was necessary. It was felt that we ought to establish from Shirebrook residents if there is actually a need for such equipment as well as finding out what security measures could be put in place to deter vandalism.

RESOLVED: That investigations be carried out to assess if there is a need for the equipment and to investigate what security measures can be put in place for protection.

L/24/014 TO DISCUSS THE CREATION OF A MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND NOMINATE ELECTED MEMBERS TO THE SAME.

The Chair explained how having a formal Leisure Management Committee would enable us to seek funding through the National Non-Domestic Rates process. Following discussion, it was agreed this should be progressed. The Committee will need to be a collective of Councillors and residents. The Committee when formed would be responsible for the budgets for the Leisure Centre and the Village Hall.

RESOLVED: To progress with the establishment of a Management Committee and to invite members of the public to nominate and elect public members.

L/24/015 TO CONSIDER RESPONSES AS NECESSARY TO LISTED CORRESPONDENCE.**a. TONY WHEATMAN – WARREN TERRACE SITE.**

Members discussed the questions raised and responded with the following advice: grass cutting is undertaken fortnightly, and any additional cutting should be at the expense of the team. Regarding the levelling of the pitch, it was accepted that the teams have been making improvements themselves and added that included with the new equipment, is the benefit of a weight roller, which should also contribute to making an improvement and it was decided that no further action was required. Regarding the dog fouling, it was accepted that this relies solely on the cooperation and participation of dog owners, however, investigation will be undertaken to review signage and bin availability across all park areas. Regarding the painting of goal posts, it was agreed that this should be completed and regarding investigating if there can be any funding made available, the Chair agreed to investigate and would feed back in due course.

RESOLVED: To make a review of signage and seek costs for extra bins.

b. KRIS MARINA – REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCHES.

This item was reviewed by the Leisure Committee after we asked for more detail regarding the beneficiaries. We were advised that this is a charity that will benefit various organisations across Derbyshire. It was decided after deliberation that we should support our local charities only and this is because The Council receive numerous requests and we cannot support them all, therefore supporting one in particular would be unfair.

RESOLVED: That the request is not approved.

c. REBECCA PARKS – MEDAN VALE COLTS.

A request has been received asking for approval to continue to play weekly on a pitch on Park Road and have access to changing facilities at a concessional rate. Following discussion, it was agreed to offer the team the option to enter into an agreement to use a pitch and facilities, but it would be unfair to other teams to offer concessional rates.

RESOLVED: To offer an agreement to use a pitch and facilities.

d. RYAN CHAPMAN – BOXING EVENTS – REQUEST FOR VENUE FEE TO BE WAIVED.

A request was received asking only if room hire fees could be waived for this local charity event.

RESOLVED: That the request be approved.

L/24/016 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 4th of September 2024, in accordance with the approved meeting schedule.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 20:13HRS

SIGNED: _____ **COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

DATE: _____