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Chairman: Cllr Carole Mulroney
Vice Chairman: Cllr Helen Robertson
Town Clerk: Paul Beckerson

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LEISURE DEVELOPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE
HELD AT 7.30PM ON MONDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2016
AT LEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE, 71-73 ELM ROAD, LEIGH-ON-SEA

Present: Cllrs: Ron Owen (Chairman), Karen Bowden, Valerie Morgan, Caroline Parker, Helen Robertson and co-opted members Steve Hodder, Pete Horrocks (from Min 12) and Dave Watson

Also in attendance: Paul Beckerson (Town Clerk)

The meeting opened at 7.34 pm

8. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting.

9. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Carole Mulroney, co-opted member Peter Horrocks would be arriving late

10. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were none

11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 14th NOVEMBER 2016

The minutes of the meeting of 14th November 2016 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

12. REPORT FROM DAVE WATSON ON REFURBISHMENT OF EXISTING SKATE PARK

Dave Watson produced a preliminary design for a refurbished Skate Park which involved demolishing the existing Park and a design covering the entire area of the Park (Appendix 1) at an estimated cost of £300,000 from a company he had had dealings with.

It was pointed out that due to the Council having to comply with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 a full tender process would have to be undertaken. However under the Council's Financial Regulations 11.1 it was possible to nominate a specialist design company to oversee and manage the project.

It was suggested that a separate entity could be formed such as a charity or CIC to raise funding and to access funding that would not be available to a Local Authority. This could possibly raise issues regarding the lease and if this were to be pursued it would be necessary to talk to SBC to obtain their view and advice.

Dave Watson advised the Sub-Committee that the company who had provided the quote had dedicated fundraisers within the company who could apply for grants. SBC had also offered use of members of their fundraising team to assist with the project.

Pete Horrocks joined the meeting

The Sub-Committee **noted** the report and requested that the co-opted members consider what form of governance they wished to pursue and report back at the next meeting.

13. REPORT FROM PETE HORROCKS ON IDEAS AND QUOTES FOR THE REST OF THE DEVELOPMENT

Pete Horrocks had been in contact with a company that had produced a similar scheme involving landscaping and activity areas. Such a project in their view would cost a ballpark figure of £5,000,000.

Members considered this a large sum of money. It was explained that this price was for the work being carried out in one go. It would be possible for example to phase the work over a number of years, five was a figure suggested.

Some concern was expressed regarding light pollution; it was considered that only certain areas such as five a side football would require illumination and that would be directed downwards.

The subject of consultation was raised, in reply to a question as to how many questionnaires had been returned from the magazine, the answer at the moment was one request for a consultation form.

The consultation would be advertised on the home page of the website, with a downloadable form to complete. The possibility of having a feature in the Leigh Times was suggested. In order to expend money it would be necessary to obtain Council approval, in order to expedite this an item could be added to the Council agenda on 17th January 2017 authorising up to £200 for additional publicity.

The Sub-Committee **noted** the report and requested that an item be added to the Council agenda on 17th January 2017 asking for a budget of £200 to publicise the consultation.

14. REPORT ON SURVEY AND BINS

Further information regarding the survey was awaited. The Town Clerk undertook to investigate appropriate models of bin that could be funded from the existing budget of £2,000

Meeting Conclusion

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 6th February 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.23 pm

LEIGH ON SEA SKATEPARK REBUILD



Area for redevelopment outlined in **RED**

New design - Gravity skateparks -
<http://www.gravityparks.co.uk>

Cost £300k
(Estimate includes removal of current skatepark,
climbing rocks and basketball court.)



NEW SKATEPARK DESIGN