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Chairman: Cllr Carole Mulroney
Town Clerk: Paul Beckerson (Helen Symmons – Acting)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LEISURE DEVELOPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE
HELD AT 7.30PM ON MONDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2017
AT LEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE, 71-73 ELM ROAD, LEIGH-ON-SEA

Present: Cllrs: Ron Owen (Chairman), Valerie Morgan, Caroline Parker (from minute 20 until 8.50 p.m.) and co-opted member Steve Hodder

Also in attendance: Cllr Richard Herbert and Helen Symmons (Town Clerk - Acting)

The meeting opened at 7.36 pm

15. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed members and made introductions to Cllr Herbert.

16. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Carole Mulroney

17. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were none

18. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 5th DECEMBER 2016

The minutes of the meeting of 5th December 2016 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

19. CONSULTATION

The results and lack of significant response were not encouraging but it was recognised that consultation is always a difficult process. The next consultation should include a focussed idea of what it is LTC are wishing to provide and then ask the question of the community of whether they want it to happen.

The Sub-Committee **RECOMMEND TO CFC** that the Committee approve the hire of a mini bus from the skate park budget to enable a research field trip around other similar development scenarios and skate parks to establish what will work best given the landscape and topology restrictions.

20. REPORT FROM CO-OPTED MEMBERS RE GOVERNANCE

Advice was received from SAVS but the co-opted members have yet to consider a form of governance as yet.

21. REPORT ON SURVEY

The report was **NOTED**. Any development would have to be on top of the land and the project would be restricted to a simple natural design working with the land. It was recognised that it would be beneficial to meet with the appropriate Officers at the Borough Council in due course.

22. REPORT ON BINS

Information is being composed.

23. ANNUAL INSPECTION REPORT

The Town Clerk (Acting) presented a report from a skate park company following a comprehensive site meeting. After discussion it was recognised that whilst the Sub-committee have to look at the the project as a whole, it can definitely be completed in stages and at the present time the focus should be on the skate park with research continuing into the other leisure area. For the time being, the basketball court/5-a-side pitch should remain adjacent to the skate park.

The Sub-Committee **RECOMMEND TO CFC** that the Committee approve the repairs to the skate park as per the report at a cost of £695 from the skate park maintenance budget.

The Town Clerk (Acting) is to make enquiries with regards to extending the lease area to the west of the existing skate park.

Skate park designs are to be investigated by the Town Clerk (Acting) and co-opted members based on the following 3 options investigating funding potential from the companies at the same time:

- a. Using the existing skate park area up to the basketball court/5-a-side pitch
- b. Using the area as per option (a) plus an extension to the west (if a lease could be obtained in good time)
- c. Using the area as per option (a) but considering whether anything can be saved from the existing design to be incorporated.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm

A further meeting date will be arranged at CFC meeting 7th February 2017 following presentation of these minutes at Agenda item 7