

ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Committee held at the Community & Youth Building, rear of Redfield Edge School, Oldland Common on Tuesday 30th April 2019 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Councillors: L Efthymiou, M Bridge, J Allinson,
R Allinson and J Ivens

Mrs S Jones – Leisure Officer

The Chairman outlined procedures for exit from the building in the event of an emergency.

364. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Bromiley and P Hughes.

365. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Environment and Leisure Committee meeting held on 22nd January 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

366. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR

The financial report had been circulated and was noted.

367. TO CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO THE ALLOTMENT SITES

The Councillors were positive regarding the welcome leaflet that was being sent to new tenants and it was suggested that the leaflet go to all tenants with the rent renewal letter in December. Another leaflet was being designed to highlight the wildlife on site.

RESOLVED that the welcome leaflet be sent to all tenants with the rent letter but called an information booklet along with the wildlife leaflet.

368. CREATIVE ARTS COMPETITION 2019

Councillor J Allinson confirmed that the competition was now closed and the entries had been picked up from the schools. Judging will take place next week and the photographs taken for the poster which will be taken to the schools with the winners certificates.

RESOLVED that the cost of the posters for the schools up to £200 be agreed.

369. BITTON IN BLOOM AND ALLOTMENT COMPETITIONS 2019

The competition will be promoted through the Parish Newsletter and the dates of judging have been finalised at between 1st and 14th July. The need to get Councillors involved in the judging was stressed.

RESOLVED that the judging be brought up at the next Full Council meeting.

370. DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2019

The Leisure Officer confirmed that the competition had been advertised on the front of the Parish Magazine and hoped for more entries.

RESOLVED that the competition be promoted via the Week In and Focal Point magazine.

371. TO CONSIDER ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- a) **Local Footpath Walks.** The first two walks of the year were well attended with 37 in February and 27 in March. The next walk will be 26th May.
- b) **Buggy Walks.** The walk in February was cancelled due to ice, however attendance for these walks has improved averaging in the low teens. Walks will continue twice a month until June and then will decrease to once a month due to lack of walk leaders. The situation will be monitored and the decision can be reversed if another walk leader can be found.
- c) **Friendship & Exercise Club.** From 20th March the club split into two groups after becoming too big for one session. These have been well attended.
- d) **Boosting Biodiversity Update.** The Leisure Officer has met with John Morris and Sally Pattison from South Gloucestershire Environment & Community Services Team and Jo McSorley of Avon Wildlife Trust to talk about biodiversity within the Parish. Schemes include a bee bank and pond at the North Street allotment site and a fruit tree planting scheme. Sally Pattison will attend the next Environment & Leisure meeting to further explain. Councillors suggested an area at the bottom of Cowhorn Hill/Malvern Drive where tree planting could be considered.
- e) **Footpaths.** There have been problems on PBN 20/20 off Castle Road, Oldland Common where part of a wall has fallen onto the path. This has been reported to Rights of Way and they have it in hand. Councillor Bridge made the committee aware of the footpath alongside the Redfield Hill allotment site raising up in places and causing a trip hazard.

RESOLVED that the footpath be looked into.

The meeting ended at 8.50 pm.

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Chairman