

Community Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 16 April 2002

Minutes of the meeting of the **Community Overview & Scrutiny Committee** held on **16 April 2002** when there were present:-

Cllr D F Flack (Chairman)

Cllr Mrs J E Ford
Cllr Mrs J M Giles
Cllr J E Grey
Cllr Mrs J Helson

Cllr Mrs L Hungate
Cllr J R F Mason
Cllr G A Mockford
Cllr Mrs M J Webster

OFFICERS ATTENDING

R Crofts	Corporate Director (Finance and External Services)
G Woolhouse	Head of Housing Health and Community Care
D Timson	Property Maintenance and Highways Manager
P Denholm	Solicitor
A Wyatt	Committee Administrator

165 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held 19 March 2002 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

166 ROCHFORD TOWN SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

The Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director (Finance & External Services) which advised of correspondence received from Rochford Town Sports and Social Club which included details of their development programme and reference to the club extending the use of the pavilion to more community groups.

Noting the content of the letter from Rochford Town Sports and Social Club, Members considered it fell short of what was required for a business plan. Further, Members considered the following matters needed clarification before the matter could be progressed any further:-

- It was noted that the pavilion stood on Council owned land, although it was questioned whether any proposed extension to the building would encroach on to that land which had been subject of transfer to the National Playing Fields Association (NPFA).
- Noting the invitation for a Member of the Council and a member of the public to sit on the Sports and Social Club Committee, Members were mindful that they had previously appointed to this outside body and that no invitation had been forthcoming to the Council representative to attend meetings. In light of this, Members considered that should the matter proceed, that the Club should be requested to submit copies of its Minutes to this

Authority for consideration/note.

- It was noted that the Sports and Social Club did not lease the entire pavilion, with the toilets and changing facilities being available for use by any organisation.
- Members questioned whether the Sports and Social Club would seek to alleviate parking difficulties experienced in the locality as a consequence of its activity/functions, including the potential use of Marshals.
- It was noted that the Environmental Protection Act would have ultimate control over any noise problems emanating from the site.
- Question was raised over the social aspects of the club and Members requested Officers obtain copies of the club's accounts in order that the matter be investigated further.

It was unanimously agreed that Officers should be instructed to go back to the Sports and Social Club with the above points to seek further information on which Members might then be able to determine the lease application.

Resolved

That Officers take the points outlined above back to the Rochford Sports and Social Club and seek a Business Plan from the Club as originally requested. (CD(F&ES))

167 SWEYNE PARK DESIGN UPDATE

The Committee considered the report of the Corporate Direct (Finance & External Services) on the improvements being developed for Sweyne Park.

It was noted that an amount of £60,000 had been set aside in the Capital Programme for this project and that the improvements related to the construction of some new footpaths within the park area and land drainage works to the Cloverleaf Playspace and surrounding area.

It was agreed that the footpath should be of an informal nature, constructed from type-one limestone with the edges of the footpath raised. The footpath layout, as appended, was agreed subject to Footpath D being extended by approximately 160m. It was further agreed that, should finances permit, £5,000 should be set aside for the provision of Interest Tables in the area. Further, it was agreed that

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additional wild flower planting should take place around the area at Footpath A with an improved sign being provided explaining the reasons why the area is not regularly cut.

Resolved

That the above way forward be agreed for the improvements to Swayne Park open space. (CD(F&ES).

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Chairman

Date