

# Swanley Town Council

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## ESTATES AND FACILITIES

### MINUTES

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019

**Present:** (Chair) Cllr S Andrews, (Deputy Chair) Cllr L Ball,  
Cllr C Barnes, Cllr J Domigan, Cllr M Foster, Cllr J Griffiths,  
Cllr T Searles, Cllr A Skipper

**Also Present:** Cllr J Barnes, Cllr G Darrington, Cllr P Darrington, Cllr L Dyball,  
Cllr M Horwood, Cllr C Lee, Cllr V Letchford, Cllr J Tuckfield

**Officers:** CEO - Steve Nash  
Park Director - Ryan Hayman  
Democratic Services Officer - Barbara Playfoot

#### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Horwood – Item 7 (The Link)

#### **10757 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

To approve as correct the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019

**APPROVED**

#### **10758 LAND EXCHANGE**

The CEO to update councillors on the transfer of open spaces from SDC to STC  
The CEO advised that the land exchange was progressing and awaiting completion probably by early August. There is an issue with Bartholomew Park as there is a homeless encampment in the park which SDC are dealing with but could still be transferred to STC which would allow STC to deal with quicker because we are not tied to the same regulations.

**NOTED**

#### **10759 OLYMPIC**

Current changes and activities see Report B

The CEO added to the report by explaining that the 3 Snooker tables had been recovered and pockets renewed. The Snooker Hall was well attended and the members had been carrying out minor repairs to the equipment e.g. Snooker cue's and triangles

Cllr Andrews asked how many members the Bowls club have as she felt that it was a pretty area and was interested if it was being used to its full potential. The CEO was unable to give a figure but would attempt to find out.

Cllr Andrews also suggested that the bar and terraced area could be used for maybe a tea room. The CEO said that he had been either looking for a chef or another business to take on the catering side of the venue but had no interest to date.

## **NOTED**

### **10760 ALEXANDRA SUITE**

Current changes and activities see Report A

Cllr Andrews asked who held a set of keys to the changing rooms as there had been a possible problem with taps being left on.

The CEO confirmed that had now been resolved and the changing rooms would now be shared with the football teams, Netball use during the week and football during the weekends. The other changing rooms at the other end of the venue were now not fit for use and there are plans to refurbish and maybe move the Swanley Food bank into the area as their current rental contract is up for renewal at the end of the year. The CEO went on to inform the meeting that a new cleaner had been employed to clean the changing rooms on a regular basis, she would also clean areas of the Park including the Baby changing area, she would also cover sickness/holiday absence.

## **NOTED**

### **10761 THE LINK**

Current changes and activities see Report C

Cllr Searles asked who is the new provider of the Café in the Link. The CEO said it was a sole trader and that the legal side of the contract had been completed and that the opening hours had been extended to Saturdays. The Link staff were becoming more involved with Council business e.g. maintaining the Mayor's Diary, taking booking for parties in the park.

Cllr Dyball felt that the Link gave a more personal approach for customers and Cllr Andrews has had good feedback on the service the staff give.

Cllr Foster asked if the silhouettes were going to have a facelift. The CEO confirmed that all the poppies would be refreshed before Remembrance Day and the Link manager and staff were putting together some giant poppies for this year's commemoration.

## **NOTED**

### **10762 PARKS DIRECTOR**

To comment on the report and ask questions of the Director – Report D

The Park's Director advised that there were a couple of points that were not in the report. A new member of staff was starting this week as a groundsman. This will help the existing staff with their grass cutting contracts and other tasks. He went on to say there had been a spate of vandalism in the Park but there was now security during the evening and most of the incidents had been dealt with.

Cllr Horwood congratulated the Park Director on all his and the teams hard work.

Cllr Ball asked about the recommendation to enlarge the splash pool. The Park director said that although initially this was a lot of money to invest the ROI would be high as more people generate more revenue for the other activities and sales in the Café which in turn will reflect in their contract.

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

## **MEETING CLOSED AT 20.29**

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