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ESTATES AND FACILITIES

MINUTES

Wednesday 24th April 2019

Present: Chair Cllr N Scott, Cllr J Barnes, Cllr C Barnes, Cllr P Darrington, Cllr E Komolafe, Cllr R Morris, Cllr V Southern

Also Present: Cllr L Ball, Cllr L Dyball, Cllr M Horwood, Cllr T Searles, Cllr H Willingale

Officers: CEO - Steve Nash
RFO - Steve Innes
Park Director - Ryan Hayman
Civic Manager Toni Roast
Democratic Services Officer - Barbara Playfoot

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

10679 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

To approve as correct the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 23rd January 2019

APPROVED

10680 PARK DIRECTORS REPORT

To comment on the report and ask questions of the Park Director

Cllr Willingale commended the Park Director on the excellent job he has made of the Park, he went on to say that he had met with the staff and said that they were a great team, they were a credit to the Park and the Council.

Cllr Scott said that Swanley Park has ways been a stunning beautiful park but with the work that has been put in over the last couple of years it is wonderful place to take a young family. Cllr Scott added her thanks to the Park Director and his staff on an excellent job.

ACCEPTED: Park Managers Report

10681 NEW PURCHASES

To note that the following items have been purchased to improve services:

- a. New security shutters for Olympic Bar cost £3490 + vat
This will allow STC to rent out the room without a need for a member of staff

Cllr Ball asked why additional shutters were required

The CEO explained the additional shutters were being installed to restrict the area behind the bar so the main room can be rented out without the need for a member of staff to be present to safeguard the bar area.

- b. New Water Slide for Park cost £2972.02
This is a chargeable item and it is expected that there will be full cost recovery or better by the end of the season.

The Parks Director advised that nearly £2000 had been taken on this ride alone over the Bank Holiday.

- c. Mini Digger for Ground staff cost £6000
This has allowed staff to carry out significant work much faster and will bring areas back into use much quicker such as the Rugby Pitch and Allotment Areas which generate income.
- d. New Disabled Play Equipment in Park cost £30,000 (£10,000 from CIL)
This has been much needed and has received significant positive comments via social media.

Cllr Horwood asked if any of the purchases had come from the CIL, the CEO replied that these had been purchased from income not the £16,000 CIL which we are due to receive any day.

The CEO went on to explain that the purchase of the mini digger had been deferred and had opted to hire one on long lease. It was being used to clear the island which was making way for more water fowl to nest.

Cllr Southern commented on the current level of vandalism in the children's play area. The CEO said that he was looking at installing/enhancing the CCTV coverage at all the council venues which will help.

Cllr Ball congratulated Cllr Scott on her efforts to have disabled play equipment installed at the Park. She responded by thanking the council for taking her idea and supporting her.

NOTED

10682 ALLOTMENTS

An additional 4 allotments have been created at the Park with another 4 planned as we meet the demand from residents.

NOTED

10683 STATUTORY NOTICE

A notice has been received from the Forestry Commission advising us that there are Oak Processionary Moth Caterpillars in the vicinity of the Woodlands. They will be taking care of this with spraying but we must monitor from that point onward.

NOTED

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 17th July 2019

MEETING CLOSED AT 20.30

If you would like further information on any of the agenda items, please contact Mr Steve Nash, on 01322 611663 or snash@swanleytowncouncil.gov.uk

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