

Swanley Town Council

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ESTATES AND FACILITIES

7.30pm – ZOOM Meeting

MINUTES

Wednesday 15th July 2020

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 J Tuckfield

Also Present: Cllr G Darrington, Cllr P Darrington, Cllr M Horwood, Cllr C Lee,
Cllr V Letchford

Officers: CEO - Steve Nash
RFO Steve Innes
Parks Director – Ryan Hayman
Assistant Town Clerk – Toni Roast
Democratic Services Officer - Barbara Playfoot

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

10993 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

To approve as correct the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 16th October 2019

APPROVED

10994 PARKS DIRECTORS REPORT

To comment on the report and ask questions of the Director – Report A
Cllr Andrews opened the comments by giving a huge 'Thank You and Well Done' to the Parks Director and all the Park staff for all their efforts in getting the Park activities ready and safe for opening to the public.

Cllr Andrews and Cllr Horwood thanked the Parks Director on a very thorough and detailed report.

Cllr Domigan asked about the Drive In Football, the Parks Director explained that there had been some complications with the Manchester venue so the whole event was cancelled however they have re-booked for 4 nights in 2021. The Drive-In cinema was going ahead as planned. Cllr Domigan also asked about organising a Park run, the Parks Director said there was already plans to run one but had been put on hold due to COVID-19.

Cllr Ball asked if there was provision for the Splash pool to be booked for a private party and suggested that this would only be offered after the general public time slot. The Parks Director said that yes private parties would be considered and they would be offered at non-peak times.

Cllr Horwood was sorry to note the amount of anti-social behaviour incidents and hoped that the Park staff were not challenging the offenders and sought the assistance of the police.

Cllr Andrews asked as the problems seemed to be on the increase would the employment of a security guard be a help. The CEO said that all the council venues had now had a CCTV upgrade including motion sensors that could be viewed by senior staff on their mobile enabling them to report and record the incident in real time and taking the emphasis off the Parks Director.

Cllr Dyball said that the whole district was encountering the same anti-social behaviour in fact there had been a significant increase country wide since the COVID-19 outbreak and had advised that all incidents no matter how small needed to be reported to the police so a file could be built and hot spots could be identified and targeted. Cllr Dyball went on to say that there was a regular PCSO patrol through the Park which does have a good effect.

Cllr Andrews asked when grass cutting and general tidying would be carried out in some of the areas of Swanley particularly Lynden Way. The CEO said that he was waiting for some support from SDC by way of lending some of their vehicles and help from Community Payback scheme, this with the Great British Spring Clean which had been put on hold should go some way to cleaning up some of the worst areas of the Town.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 23rd October 2020

MEETING CLOSED AT 21.00

If you would like further information on any of the agenda items, please contact Mr Steve Nash, on 01322 665855 or snash@swanleytowncouncil.gov.uk

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