

**FULL COUNCIL 1st November 2017
7:30PM THE CIVIC CENTRE**

MINUTES

- Present:** Mayor Cllr Ball, Leader Cllr Morris, Deputy Leader Cllr Dyball, Cllr C Barnes, Cllr J Barnes, Cllr Halford, Cllr Horwood, Cllr Darrington, Cllr Hogg, Cllr Southern, Cllr Willingale
- Officers:** CEO Steve Nash,
Democratic Services Officer Barbara Playfoot,
- The Mayor asked for one minute silence in remembrance of Ex Cllr Joyce Hutton – Scott
- Blessing:** The Mayor had invited Reverend Dayne Batley-Gladden to say a short prayer and invited those not wishing to take part to leave at this time.
- Public Session:** Cllr Ball asked if there were any questions, there were none for this meeting
- 1. To receive Apologies for Absence**
Cllr L Komolafe, Cllr N Scott, Cllr T Searles
 - 2. To receive Declarations of Interest**
None
 - 3. To approve as correct the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 4th October 2017**
AGREED
 - 4. To receive Minutes of Committees and approve recommendations contained therein:**
Development Control DATE: 4th October 2017
AGREED
 - 5. CONSIDER POTENTIAL FUTURE USE OF THE DRIVING RANGE**
To provide the CEO with direction as to preferred options (Report A)

The members discussed the options for potential uses of the driving range shown in Report A. Cllr Morris suggested that the uses are split into 2 categories Short Term and Long Term. The majority believed that Sporting facilities would be a good Short Term use but asked the CEO if he could provide a more comprehensive report on Long term use for further discussion.

RESOLVED – further information and a report is to be provided by the CEO about long term projects

6. CIL APPLICATIONS

To agree CIL applications to Sevenoaks District Council (Report B)

The CEO expanded on the details that are in Report B and asked the members for their thoughts on the proposed projects. Cllr Ball clarified that for every bid STC would have to match SDC contribution from the Community Infrastructure Levy. Cllr Southern pointed out that when considering the projects they should be for the greater number of people not a small minority and produce income for the town. Following some discussion Cllr Morris proposed that re-lining the pond would be the 1st priority followed by the Disabled play area then the connection of waste water/sewage from the park to main drains, this was agreed by all members. The CEO will continue to seek out any further grants and funding to cover the other proposals outlined in Report B.

RESOLVED – The priority for CIL Applications has been agreed

7. Mayors Communication

The Mayor Cllr Laurence Ball reported that he only attended 4 functions since his last communication

- The Mayor of Verrieres-le-Buisson arrived on the Friday afternoon and was entertained throughout the day by STC staff and local Twinners before joining the Mayor of Swanley and CEO along with partners for an evening out in a local Public House.
- 007 Mayors Charity Ball, those who attended got in the spirit of James Bond and the Mayor had received positive feedback from the guests. The evening raised approximately £1000 for his chosen charity. He also added that the Mayor of Verrieres-le-Buisson who was visiting Swanley as part of the Twinning event had enjoyed the ball. Cllr Morris gave a big well done to the Mayor and staff for an entertaining event.
- Food bank Charity Dinner which raised £466 towards their funds
- He attended the Swanley Art Society annual show on the 28th October the work included all mediums and was impressed by the amount of local talent on display.

The Mayor reminded everyone of the up and coming events

6th Nov 2017 – Annual Fireworks

10th Nov 2017 – Italian Market

12th Nov 2017 – Remembrance Sunday Parade

The Deputy Mayor Cllr Lesley Dyball reported that she has attended the Bulrushes (Parent & Toddler Group) 30th birthday party and the County Annual Poppy lunch at Chatham.

8. Report from County and District Councillors

Cllr Horwood reported that KCC were due to replace the damaged illuminations in St Marys Road. He also reported that there had been a persistent water leak in Swanley Lane and Thames Water were investigating over the next few nights by carrying out sound testing.

Goldsel Road has had the junction lines repainted and work had commenced on the dropped kerbs and crossing points in the White Oak area.

Cllr Hogg reminded all that the U & I development was on the Sevenoaks & District Council Development control agenda for the 16th November 2017. Following some

discussion it was agreed that Cllr P Darrington would represent STC and Cllr L Dyball would also attend as ward councillor.

Cllr Hogg went on say that both he and Cllr Ball had applied pressure for answers on the redevelopment of the Workmens Club site and Meeting Point site and would continue to pursue until resolved

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, to exclude the press and public from the meeting during the discussion on the following item on the grounds that it may involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A of the act.

9. Councillor Absence – Suspended until the conclusion of the Development Control Meeting following Full Council

To agree a verbal recommendation from the CEO regarding Councillor absence.

RESOLVED – That due to extenuating circumstances Cllr Shanker and Cllr Laxmi Gaire be granted an extended period of absence

10. Forthcoming Meetings

Policy & Finance
Development Control
Estates & Facilities

7:30pm Wednesday 22nd November 2017
After 7:30pm Wednesday 22nd November 2017
After 7.30pm Wednesday 22nd November 2017

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7:30pm Wednesday 6th December 2017

Meeting closed at 20.45

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

Council Members:

Mayor Cllr L Ball
Leader Cllr R Morris
Deputy Leader Cllr L Dyball
Cllr C Barnes
Cllr J Barnes
Cllr P Darrington
Cllr L Gaire
Cllr S Gaire

Cllr J Halford
Cllr M Hogg
Cllr M Horwood
Cllr E Komolafe
Cllr N Scott
Cllr V Southern
Cllr T Searles
Cllr H Willingale

Introduction

The lease on the Driving Range at the Olympic has been surrendered which is two years earlier than planned and now provides an opportunity for review as to its future use. It has already been identified as an area for potential housing development but that remains a long term suggestion and will likely be a theme of the future Neighbourhood Plan by Swanley Residents and Sevenoaks District Council.

Before a detailed report is produced a brief list of potential uses is outlined below to allow Councillors to comment or recommend suggestions for this site. Given the multiple potential uses it would be unrealistic to produce a business plan for this with a short space of time and so the CEO is seeking direction before committing resources.

Potential Uses

- Archery Range
- Paint Ball Site
- Council Run Putting Range
- Caravan Park (special events)
- Static Caravan Park (Long Term)
- Mobile Homes Park
- Fair Rides Park
- Exhibition / Show Area
- Split into paddocks
- Cemetery
- Small Industrial Units
- New Sporting Facilities

Each of the suggestions has the potential to generate income but councillors need to consider what residents would like and most need in the area.

Combinations

It is possible to provide some activities short term such as:

- Archery
- Paint Ball
- Paddocks

While licenses and permissions are sought for other activities such as the creation of:

- Cemetery
- Caravan Park
- Mobile Home Park

Introduction

There is currently around £3 million in the CIL budget held by Sevenoaks District Council which can be bid for by town and parish councils and around £33 million of requests for this funding. Swanley Town Council has yet to submit a detailed bid and this paper outlines suggestions for funding for approval by councillors. The list has been placed in order of priority by the CEO but councillors may wish to consider changes to this order before the CEO submits the bid to SDC.

New Roof /Doors for Barn (Rugby Club) £90,000

With a new roof on the barn in Swanley Park Yard the building could easily be converted into a club house/community facility which not only provides a home for new groups, but will provide a regular source of income for STC and the Rugby Club.

Re-line pond (Swanley park) £100,000

The lake in the park has a leak which is likely caused by the lack of pond liner around the island. In order to rectify this the lake will require emptying, de-silting and lining to rectify. As a source of income the lake is essential to park operations although buying in water this year helped maintain those levels.

Concrete Skate Park £240,000

The current skatepark is nearing the end of its life and is now the subject of regular repair. Concrete skateparks are more expensive but they last longer, are quieter for users, are the preferred surface for skateboards and provide more flexible designs.

Expansion of Play Area (Disabilities) £25,000

The CEO has submitted grants for this purpose from the Landfill Tax and other charitable groups but is still waiting the outcome of those submissions. There is definitely a need in all the play areas for additional disability equipment and all sources of funding should be explored.

Pathway to Play Area £40,000

There is no firm pathway to the play area at the Recreation Field, this makes it difficult for parents with prams to get to it especially in wet weather. A straight pathway from the doctors surgery to the play area would be the most effective answer.

Connect Sewage to Hextable £80,000

The sewage in the park is disposed of via a Septic Tank at present which cost on average around £10,000 per annum to service. While a lower price was obtained for each empty this year the number of empties required has increased because of greater numbers of people. Connecting to mains sewer is expensive but would provide a huge saving after 7-8 years.