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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
LEISURE, EVENTS & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
HELD Online using ZOOM secure video conference
ON 5 MAY 2020 at 8.00 PM

Present: Cllr Montague – In the Chair
Ryan Bennett – Clerk to the Council
Amanda Gardiner – Administrative Assistant

Cllrs Benner, Tobin, Vassiliou, Wallington and Yeung

In Attendance: Cllrs Cole and Gallagher

Not Present: Cllrs Hughes and Kyriakou

Voting Members: 8

Members of the Public: 0

LEE1549/20 Apologies for Absence

No apologies were received.

LEE1550/20 Declarations of Interest

The Chairman recommended that any declarations of interest be made, if necessary, throughout the meeting.

LEE1551/20 Representations from the Public

No representations were made in writing to the Clerk.

LEE1552/20 Minutes

Members had no comments regarding the Minutes.

Resolved:

- That the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3 March 2020 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

LEE1553/20 Matters Arising

No matters arising.

LEE1554/20 Ranger's Update

The Clerk gave an update on the activities completed by the Rangers. In addition to their regular activities, they had updates on:

- Rangers currently working alternate weeks to maintain social distancing.
- Concentrating their efforts on maintaining the Green and Stone's Orchard, as they are being used by a high number of residents every day for exercise.
- Regular work on public footpaths is on hold, as it is difficult to maintain an acceptable distance from the public while cutting them. Rangers have been carrying out works on footpaths when necessary for example when a tree fell and blocked access through a path.
- Multi Sports Court in Barton Way Recreation Ground has been closed by TRDC to prevent gatherings of people during the COVID-19 lockdown.
- The metal cables holding up the climbing roses on the side of the Library/Red

Cross building were damaged during high winds. The cables snapped and the roses peeled off the wall in one large sheet. It was not possible to reattach the roses due to its large weight and they have instead been pruned to waist height. It is the intention of the Rangers to make a more secure fixing for the plants to grown on in future.

- The preschool allotment is not running this year, but it has been planted with crops which will be grown and donated to local organisations cooking for vulnerable residents.
- Winter bedding has been removed from the flower beds in preparation for the summer bedding. Summer bedding plants will be collected from the supplier and planted next week.

LEE1555/20 Events 2020

Members reviewed progress of Council run and supported events to determine which ones need to be cancelled or postponed during COVID-19 – see below for updated list.

LEE1556/20 Works List

Members had no comments regarding the Works List.

Resolved:

- That the Works List is noted.

LEE1557/20 LEE Budget Tracker Report 2020/21

LEE Budget Tracker Report 2020/21 was reviewed. Members identified events and activities that are not going ahead in 2020/21 due to COVID-19. Budget from those items will be made available to Council to spend on its COVID-19 community response. Committee have allocated £19,450 from Budget 2020/21 and related Committee Reserves.

Please see below for updated Budget Tracker.

[The Committee made this decision under Standing Order 19.12]

LEE1558/20 Closure

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:14pm