

EARLEY TOWN COUNCIL



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Dear Councillor

A meeting for the Members of the Amenities & Leisure Committee will be held remotely* on **Wednesday, 26th May 2021** commencing at 7.45 pm.

Yours faithfully

Jo Friend

TOWN CLERK

To: Members of the Amenities & Leisure Committee

Councillors: A Newton (Chair), A Bassett, G Bhangra, N Brock, M Eastwell, D Ireland, A Long, T Maher, S Matthews and K Yabsley.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting which will be held using the Zoom conferencing platform.

Meeting ID 986 3380 8514

Passcode 215285

To obtain a link to the meeting please email administration@earley-tc.gov.uk by 4pm, Wednesday 26th May 2021.

*In accordance with Minutes 7, 7.1 and 7.2, Delegated Powers resolutions, passed by Full Council at its Annual Meeting on 4th May 2021.

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of interest from Members.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

To receive any questions from members of the public attending the meeting. The Public Forum shall not exceed 15 minutes. If there are no questions, the meeting shall commence forthwith.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

To consider the Minutes of the Amenities & Leisure Committee meeting held on 3rd March 2021 and, if appropriate, to agree that they represent a true and correct record and **RECOMMEND** they be signed.

5. CORONAVIRUS – UPDATE

5.1 Community Centres

To note that the relevant risk assessments have been updated in line with the easing of restrictions. Permitted activities now include children’s groups and exercise classes. Occupancy rates remain fairly low and some regular hirers have indicated a return in June or September, conditions permitting.

Maiden Place CC and Radstock Lane CC were both used as polling stations, the revised way of operating appears to have worked well.

5.2 Helpshop

To note that the ETC Helpshop returned to normal opening hours on 29th March. We now stock the new green recycling bags and feature on WBC’s website as a location where such waste items may be obtained.

5.3 HSE Inspection

To note that ETC recently underwent an HSE spot inspection in relation to the Covid-secure measures we have put in place. This was part of a national check on the working practices of large town councils. Councillors will be aware of the efforts made by senior officers throughout the pandemic to ensure safe operating practices were put in place and HSE confirmed that ETC passed the inspection ‘with flying colours.’

6. CULVER LANE ALLOTMENTS

To receive an update from the Deputy Town Clerk on the recent plot inspection visit made by town council officers accompanied by a representative from the Culver Lane Allotment Association group.

7. MEADOW PARK

To receive a report from the Senior Operations Support Officer on the planned replacement of a major piece of play equipment at Meadow Park and the proposed use of CIL money for the project.

Appendix A

8. YOUTH ANGLING PROJECT

To receive a report from the Town Clerk regarding partnership working with a local charity on a youth angling project at Maiden Erlegh Lake during the summer holidays.

Appendix B

9. LAKESIDE

To discuss a suggestion received from a resident of Lakeside that consideration be given to the planting of trees within the grass verge. Members to make **RECOMMENDATIONS** as appropriate.

Appendix C

10. TREE REPLACEMENT – MILTON ROAD

To note that confirmation has been received that tree replacement works in Milton Road will be carried out by Wokingham Borough Council in November. WBC has confirmed it will conduct underground services checks, remove the dead trees and plant new ones; Earley Town Council to fund the purchase of the 2 new trees. WBC has also confirmed that it will nurture and maintain the trees once planted.

11. TREE REGISTER

To discuss a councillor’s suggestion that Earley Town Council consider setting up a project to create a register of all trees of interest (within Earley). Members to make **RECOMMENDATIONS** as appropriate.

12. WBC DRAFT LEISURE STRATEGY

To note that WBC is seeking residents’ views on its proposals for a leisure strategy. The strategy aims to support residents’ physical and emotional wellbeing. Consultation events have been organised during May and June at which residents can share their views with the sport and leisure team at WBC.

Appendix D

13. PUBLICATIONS

To note that the following items have been received and are available for viewing from the Council Offices:

Involve Community Services	E-newsletter 1 st April, 26 th April, 10 th May 2021
MERA	Executive Committee Meetings – 8 th April & 13 th May 2021
Me2 Club	E-newsletters 31 st March & 30 th April 2021
CCB (Community Council for Berkshire)	E-newsletter 6 th May 2021

14. PRESS RELEASES

To determine whether any of the foregoing items shall form the subject of a special press release.