

EARLEY TOWN COUNCIL



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Dear Councillor

A meeting of the Amenities & Leisure Committee will be held in the Council Chamber at the Council Offices, Radstock Lane, Earley on **Wednesday, 14th September 2022** commencing at 7.45 pm.

Members of the public attending the meeting are requested to wear a face covering. Anyone experiencing Covid-19 symptoms or in receipt of a positive test result is asked not to attend the meeting.

Yours faithfully

Jo Friend

TOWN CLERK

To: Members of the Amenities & Leisure Committee

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

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 29th June 2022 and, if appropriate, to agree that they represent a true and correct record and **RESOLVE** they be signed.

5. GREEN FAIR – 6th AUGUST 2022

- 5.1 To receive a written report on the welcomed return of the Green Fair which was held on 6th August at Maiden Erlegh Nature Reserve.

Appendix A

6. MAIDEN ERLEGH LAKE & NATURE RESERVE

6.1 Fishing Project

To note that Reading FC Community Trust, in partnership with Earley Town Council, delivered another successful fishing project for youngsters at Maiden Erlegh Lake. Twenty-four young people signed up for the project which ran weekly for six weeks over the summer holidays. Positive feedback has been received from the families of those taking part.

6.2 Fishing Competition

To note that the Town Council's volunteer Water Bailiffs held a charity fishing match at Maiden Erlegh Lake on Sunday 14th August. Despite the very hot weather, there were sixteen participants who between them raised £205 for MacMillan Cancer Support.

6.3 Vandalism

To note that several acts of vandalism have been carried out at MELNR over the past few months. The most significant was the destruction and removal of a large gate. The police have agreed to increase their patrols of the area.

7. MAIDEN ERLEGH LAKE - GRANT

To note that officers have been successful in their grant application to Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks Resilient Communities Fund and have been awarded £2,100.57 to purchase emergency equipment for use in the event of flooding at the nature reserve. The new on-site emergency plan for the lake, drawn up by ETC officers and submitted to DEFRA, requires the upgrading of the Town Council's emergency equipment.

8. TREE PLANTING

8.1 Bulmershe Park

To receive a written report on tree planting works planned for Bulmershe Park.

Appendix B

8.2 Sutton Seeds Area

To consider a request from Cllr G Bhangra that councillors support a call from residents in the Sutton Seeds area for tree planting along the green, towards the A4.

9. TELEPHONE KIOSKS

To consider a report on the future use of the two red telephone boxes Earley Town Council has adopted. Members to discuss and **RESOLVE** accordingly.

Appendix C

10. SILVERDALE CENTRE

To note the following, in preparation for when Earley Town Council will no longer have access to the Silverdale Centre:

10.1 Maiden Erlegh Pre-School

To note that over the summer holidays the pre-school moved the majority of their equipment over to their new home in Earley, ready for the start of the September term. They have expressed their thanks to Town Council officers for the help and support they have provided during this challenging time.

10.2 Bike Workshop

To note that officers have begun planning the logistics of moving the Bike Workshop from the Silverdale Centre to the Centrepont Community Centre. It is a complex project which will require the recruitment of additional cycle mechanics but it is hoped that the new workshop will serve a wider audience than its predecessor.

11. **PUBLICATIONS**

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

Berkshire Youth	E-newsletter – July, August 2022
Me2 Club	E-newsletter – July, August 2022
CCB	E-newsletter - August 2022
MERA	Minutes of Executive Committee – 11 th August 2022

12. **PRESS RELEASES**

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

13. **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

To **RESOLVE** that, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable and in the public interest that the public and press are temporarily excluded and are asked to withdraw for items 14, 15, 16 and 17 on the Agenda.

14. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

To consider the confidential Minutes of the Amenities and Leisure Committee meeting held on 29th June 2022 and, if appropriate, to agree that they represent a true and correct record and **RESOLVE** they be signed.

15. **BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS**

To receive a report on planned improvements to buildings access arrangements.

Confidential Appendix D

16. **SOL JOEL PARK**

To receive information from the Town Clerk and the Operations Manager on cricket pitches at Sol Joel Park. Members to discuss.

Confidential Appendix E

17. **MAIDEN PLACE CC – UTILITIES**

To receive a report on the cost of utilities at Maiden Place CC. Members to discuss and to **RESOLVE** accordingly.

Confidential Appendix F