

EARLEY TOWN COUNCIL



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15th May 2024

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 22nd May 2024** commencing at 7 pm.

Yours faithfully

Jo Friend

TOWN CLERK

To: Members of the Amenities & Leisure Committee

Councillors: N Brock (Chair), R Ahlawat, A Bassett, A Bradley, R Browne, R Cook, A Long, T Maher, S Matthews and B Owen

AGENDA

1. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

To receive nomination(s) for the position of Chair of the Amenities and Leisure Committee.

Members to **RESOLVE** accordingly.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of interest from Members.

4. 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.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

To consider the Minutes of the Amenities & Leisure Committee meeting held on 6th March 2024 and, if appropriate, to agree that they represent a true and correct record and **RESOLVE** they be signed.

6. ALLOTMENTS WORKING PARTY

Members to agree membership of the Allotments Working Party for 2024/25. The current members are Councillors N Brock, A Bassett, C Smith and non-councillor Miryam Eastwell, who has indicated she would be happy to continue being a member of the working party.

7. MAIDEN ERLEGH LAKE AND NATURE RESERVE

7.1 Earley Environmental Group

To note that officers have been meeting with representatives from the Earley Environmental Group to discuss ways in which the Town Council and EEG can increase their collaborative working.

Appendix A

7.2 Green Fair – Saturday 3rd August 2024

To receive an update on preparations and planning for the Green Fair event on 3rd August 2024.

Appendix B

8. PADDICK DRIVE

To note that the Town Council's 14 year leases for Paddick Drive Open Space and Paddick Drive BMX area are due to expire later in 2024. Wokingham Borough Council have agreed to renew both leases for another 14 years. Heads of Terms are being prepared and, when ready, will be presented to the Policy & Resources Committee for approval.

9. COMMUNITY CENTRES

9.1 CENTREPOINT

9.1.1 Repair Café for Earley

To receive a written report on a proposal to set up an Earley Repair Café at Centrepoint. Members to discuss and to **RESOLVE** accordingly.

Appendix C

9.1.2 Youth Services

To note that Berkshire Youth are conducting a consultation with young people on behalf of Earley Town Council to assess the types of youth service provision required in Earley. The results of the consultation will be considered by a Youth Working Party being set up by the Policy & Resources Committee. The consultation has been funded by ETC's ear marked reserve for Youth Projects.

The intention is that Centrepoint will be used as a base for the Town Council's youth services, delivered by Berkshire Youth.

10. BUS SHELTERS

To receive a report on the recent project to renovate or replace Earley Town Council's bus shelters.

Appendix D

11. OPERATIONS MANAGER – REPORT

To receive a verbal update from the Operations Manager.

12. COLLINS DRIVE PLAY AREA

To receive a verbal update from the Operations Manager on the promotional session held for Collins Drive residents which provided them with information on the new play area being installed later this month.

13. WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL - SCHOOL STREET INITIATIVE

To receive a report from officers regarding WBC's intention to introduce a School Street Scheme to Radstock Lane in September 2024. Members to discuss.

Appendix E

14. BERKSHIRE'S LOCAL NATURE RECOVERY STRATEGY

To note that the Town Clerk attended the community workshop held on 20th April 2024. Cllr S Matthews also attended. Details of any further events will be provided to councillors when available.

15. PUBLICATIONS

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

Fields in Trust	E-newsletter May 2024
Involve Community Services	E-newsletter 3 rd May 2024

16. PRESS RELEASES, WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

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