

EARLEY TOWN COUNCIL

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26th February 2025

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 5th March 2025** 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

A G E N D A

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 15th January 2025 and, if appropriate, to agree that they represent a true and correct record and **RESOLVE** they be signed.

5. MAIDEN ERLEGH LAKE AND NATURE RESERVE

5.1 Lake Inspection

To note that the annual inspection by ETC's appointed Lake Engineer will take place on 4th April 2025.

5.2 Biodiversity Projects

To receive a report on ETC's biodiversity work & associated projects being delivered by the Park Rangers.

Appendix A

6. ALLOTMENTS

The note that the plot condition inspection schedule will restart in March, officers will follow up any issues identified. There are currently two vacant plots, these will be offered to people on the waiting list. The current position is that three of the four troughs are let, as are seven of the eight raised beds.

7. COMMUNITY CENTRES

7.1 CENTREPOINT COMMUNITY CENTRE

Earley Repair Café

To note the Earley Repair Café (second Sunday of each month) continues to be well attended by volunteers and visitors. Our team of volunteers have now looked at 175 items, many of which have been fully repaired and saved from landfill. A second volunteer has received PAT testing training, ensuring electrical items can be tested at every meeting of the Earley Repair Café. Officers continue to promote the facility.

Appendix B

7.2 RADSTOCK LANE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Elizabeth Room

To receive an update from the Town Clerk on Elizabeth Room bookings.

8. OPERATIONS MANAGER – REPORT

To receive a verbal update from the Operations Manager.

9. COLLABORATIVE WORKING

9.1 Silverdale Road Telephone Box

To receive a report on this project with the University of Reading.

Appendix C

10. HUGE EARLEY LITTER PICK

To note that ETC will be organising the Huge Earley Litter Pick on Sunday 23rd March 2025, assisted by EEG and EASI. The event will be advertised and volunteers encouraged to come along to one of the starting points. The following routes and times are planned:

Interpretation Centre:

10.00- 12.30- Route heading south from Interpretation centre

10.00- 12.30- Route heading east from Interpretation Centre

14.00- 16.30- Route heading north from Interpretation Centre to Sol Joel

14.00- 16.30- Route heading west from interpretation centre.

Junction of London Rd/The Drive

10.00- 12.30- Route along London Road

14.00- 16.30- Route towards Bulmershe Park

Maiden Place Community Centre car park
10.00- 12.30- East from Maiden Place Community Centre

Chalfont Park car park-
10.00 – 12.30- Route around Chalfont Park from car park

11. CONNECTING COMMUNITIES in BERKSHIRE (CCB)

To receive the Town Clerk's report on her attendance at the Connecting Communities in Berkshire (CCB) AGM on 30th January 2025.

Appendix D

12. BERKSHIRE LOCAL NATURE RECOVERY STRATEGY

To note that a Public Consultation on the Berkshire LNRS has been launched, it closes on 24th March 2025.

The public are being asked to comment on four documents that will be contained within the Berkshire LNRS: The Description of Berkshire; The List of Priorities & Measures; The Local Habitat Map; and The Species Priorities List. Comments can be submitted at Berkshire LNRS Public Consultation Page | RBWM Together , by email to bnc@rbwm.gov.uk or by post to Braywick Nature Centre, 1 Hibbert Road, Maidenhead, SL6 1UU. Further details can be found on the rbwm.gov.uk website.

ETC officers will review the documents and submit any relevant comments, Members of the Committee are encouraged to consider submitting their own observations and comments.

13. PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Wokingham Borough Council is carrying out a survey of pharmacy services in the area to find out how residents access and use local pharmacy services. Details of the survey have been put on the ETC website and social media. Visit <https://engage.wokingham.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/give-us-your-views-on-pharmacies-in-the-borough> for details. Survey closes on 9th March 2025.

14. PUBLICATIONS

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

Involve Community Services	E-newsletter – 18 th January, 31 st January & 14 th February 2025
Connecting Communities in Berkshire (CCB)	E-newsletter – 7 th November 2024 & 9 th January 2025
Friendship Alliance	E-newsletter – 22 nd January & 5 th February 2025
Me2 Club	E-newsletter – 31 st January 2025

15. PRESS RELEASES, WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

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