

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD 4 JULY 2023

Councillors Present: Cllr Ian Corben, Cllr Jim Mitchell, Cllr Cliff Morris, Cllr Derek Pretty (Chair), Cllr John Shepherd, Cllr Jane Welsh

In Attendance: David Howse – Youth Team Leader

P1215 Apologies: Cllr Maggie Allingham, Cllr Keith House

P1216 To consider the Minutes of the meeting held 6 June 2023.

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 6 June 2023 be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

Matters Arising

None arising not on the agenda.

P1217 Correspondence

None received.

P1217 Youth Provision Update

Councillors welcome David Howse the Youth Team Leader to the meeting. David gave an overview of the Youth Provision. David outlined his previous role in the FNP and his enthusiasm for the group. Young people were keen to be back, and parents were very happy. Various events have been planned up to September 2024 in conjunction with the young people both at the hub and external trips. The planning is built around fun and entertainment and education, life skills, wellbeing. The Club recently held a picnic in the park which was enjoyed by everyone. There is a fish and chip night this week and an organised Pilates session the following week. There is a proposal to organise a residential in 2024. David has updated all the policy documents in relation to the service and the buildings they use. Current membership of the Junior is 8 regular members and a further 6 that come and go. There are 18 members of the FNP. There is a will to grow the numbers in the future. The Daily Echo are keen to run an interest piece if they can find an angle. The team consists of Chloe, Sara a volunteer, a new volunteer Alisha and two volunteers from FNP. Funding is from subs, a HEWEB grant and looking to bid for some money from the Lottery Awards for All.

Cllr Jane Welsh asked what the age groups are. David confirmed that the youth group is the transition years of year 5 & 6, it would be good to extend this to year 7 as well. The FNP is for ages 14 – 25 which does present its own problems as the differences in behaviours from 14 – 25 can be significant.

Cllr John Shepherd asked about the gap in provision. David explained that the Youth Provision is for non-sen young people and FNP is for those young

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people with SEN.

What more can we do? David would like to pose this to the group and should be caveated that it might include all sorts of aspirational things young people like.

Is there a maximum number of young people to adults. David confirmed that there is guidance on ratios which is about 20 for the staff they have. For FNP the ratios are less and probably about where it can be managed at the moment.

RESOLVED: Cllrs thanked David for his attendance and complimented him on the thorough report provided.

P1218 Electric Vehicle Charging Points

Councillor Derek Pretty gave an outline of this item. Cllrs discussed whether this was a good idea. There were opposing opinions as to if the Town Council should be providing this facility as they don't have public car parks. Greta Park was a consideration, however some councillors felt this would be using already limited spaces that might sit empty. It was felt that the Co-Op might be more suitable. **RESOLVED: Cllrs suggested that we asked Eastleigh Borough Council for support and the potential to explore the Co-Op car park.**

P1219 Clerks Update

The Clerk updated the Councillors on the only quote received for Taplin Pavilion. Cllrs felt that the quote received was high and a shame that more people have not quoted. On the insurance quotes received, it was agreed that the Clerk would seek confirmation from the broker that 'all risks' were covered in the cheaper quote. Subject to it being covered the Clerk in conjunction with the chair of the Committee would decide which insurer to use.

P1220 All members of the public and press are requested to leave the meeting - Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960

Cllr Cliff Morris declared an interest in the following 2 agenda items.

P1221 Scouts Lease

P1222 Skyline Lease

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 20:09 hours.