

**SNODLAND TOWN COUNCIL****AMENITIES & RECREATION COMMITTEE****23 JANUARY 2019**

Committee Members present:	Cllrs D Keeley (C), Mrs D Crook (VC), Mrs B Brown, Mrs D King, Mrs L Downes, P Hickmott, A Keeley, Mrs N Misy and Mrs K Mordecai-Woolf
Council Members present:	Miss E Jones
Members of the public:	One member of the public

1.	<p><u>Apologies for absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs S Bell, Mrs B Keeley and Mrs K Sowten (CEO).</p>
2.	<p><u>Declaration of Interests</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
3.	<p><u>Minutes - To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 29 November 2018</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 29 November 2018 were agreed as a correct record.</p>
4.	<p><u>Questions from the public</u> (<i>Members of the public are advised that they may speak for up to three minutes</i>)</p> <p>There were no questions from the member of the public.</p>
5.	<p><u>To receive a report on Christmas in Snodland</u></p> <p>The Chairman and Vice Chair of the Amenities and Recreation Committee reported that the Christmas in Snodland event went very well. The Chairman of the Council also thanked everyone that helped with the event and commented that the location was very well organised. Members of the public also thanked the Council for organising the event.</p> <p>The next Christmas and Carnival meeting was scheduled for 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019 but the Chairman was advised that this date clashed with the Elections briefing meeting so it was:</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDED</b> – that another date be arranged for the Christmas and Carnival meeting.</p>
6.	<p><u>To receive a report from the Allotment Advisory Committee</u></p> <p>The Chairman asked the Councillors of the Allotment Advisory Committee to give a brief report of the meeting.</p>

	<p>Cllr L Downes advised that a new member had joined the Allotment Advisory Committee and there was nothing else of vital importance to report.</p> <p>Miss E Jones reported to the Committee that the allotment tenancy agreements had been sent out to tenants using the new Allotment Software package and advised that the system was working very well and producing less paper for allotment holders.</p>
7.	<p><u>To consider and discuss the KCC amended speed limits Order on Manley Boulevard</u></p> <p>The Chairman advised the Committee of the KCC amended speed limits Order on Manley Boulevard and passed the document around for Councillors to look at in more detail. The Order changed the existing 60mph speed limit exiting the A228 roundabout to the entrance of the Holborough Lakes Estate to 20mph. This was very much supported by the Committee members.</p>
8.	<p><u>To respond to proposals to tier libraries and review library opening hours – The draft strategy and the consultation questionnaire can be found online at <a href="http://www.kent.gov.uk/lrstrategy">www.kent.gov.uk/lrstrategy</a> - Cllr P Hickmott to report</u></p> <p>Cllr P Hickmott gave a response to the tier libraries and opening times review and how this would affect the Snodland Library. He reported that currently the library is open for 40 hours a week and this would be cut to 28 hours per week. He advised that this would amount to a 30% cut (more than the recommended 20%) to Snodland Library's hours and this was grossly unfair. Currently, the Library is open on Saturday mornings, allowing working residents to attend on weekends. Councillors also commented that Snodland is a growing town and the Library provides valuable resources to books and the use of computers to children and young people. The point was also made that the Library had recently been refurbished and was an ideal venue to hold community events. Cllr P Hickmott requested that the Committee's comments be addressed via the online questionnaire before the closing date of 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> – to complete the online questionnaire, relaying the Committee's comments and to emphasise that Saturday mornings should remain open.</p>
9.	<p><u>To request a representative from Snodland Town Council to attend the Kent Community Rail Partnership meetings</u></p> <p>The Chairman advised that a representative from Snodland Town Council was required to attend the Kent Community Rail Partnership meetings. Cllr P Hickmott advised the Committee that the current representative was to remain in Snodland for a few extra months and may be able to continue to represent Snodland until then.</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDED</b> – that an e-mail be sent to the current representative to request whether he was willing to continue his role until he moved out of Snodland.</p>

10.	<p><u>To discuss and consider options relating to the poor state of the footpaths in Snodland where the block paving has been taken away due to service repairs – Cllr A Keeley to report</u></p> <p>The Chairman distributed photographs to the Committee of the damaged pavements located around the town centre and asked Cllr A Keeley to give a report. Cllr A Keeley advised that he attended a recent meeting held with an engineer from Kent Highways to discuss the urgent need for repair and maintenance of the damaged pavers around the town. He confirmed that it was agreed that the car park entrance to the new Co-op would be widened.</p> <p>Cllr A Keeley reported that the poor state of the loose pavers around the town were trip hazards to pedestrians and advised that the area of pavers near the Co-op would be repaired with tarmac. A Councillor was concerned that if tarmac was laid that this would not look aesthetically pleasing and suggested that pavers should be replaced with pavers.</p> <p>On the subject of trips and falls, it was advised that pedestrians needed to contact KCC as the pavers were their responsibility and not STC.</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDED</b> – that an urgent meeting be arranged between Snodland Town Council and KCC to discuss the issues of repair and maintenance to pathways in greater detail.</p>
11.	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p>
11.1	<p><u>E-mail relating to increased car crime and installation of CCTV</u></p> <p>The Chairman read out several e-mails received from local residents relating to increased car crime and installation of CCTV.</p> <p>It was advised that residents should ensure that their parked vehicles are locked and in the event of a criminal act that the incident is reported immediately to the police via 101. This will increase the crime profile of the town and hopefully increase the police presence in the area.</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDED</b> – that a bold message be posted on the Council's website to advise residents to report all crime on 101.</p>
11.2	<p><u>Email relating to increased crime in Snodland</u></p>
11.3	<p><u>Bike issues</u></p> <p>The Chairman of the Council reported that she had spoken to a local resident who had reported that he had experienced the teenagers on bikes and felt very intimidated by their behaviour and offered to assist with a Community Re-person Scheme (having carried out a successful programme with another authority). The scheme would comprise of early intervention and prevention processes for young people and would involve community events.</p>

	<p>She also advised that she had posted a message on Facebook asking the parents of the teenagers involved if they had any suggestions to assist with the problem? It was suggested that a 'wheelie practice track' with markings would be a good idea for them to practice their tricks. This would be an inexpensive solution and reasonably easy to install.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> – to source a suitable piece of land for the wheelie track and also to arrange a meeting with the resident who can assist with a youth intervention scheme to discuss ideas.</p>
11.4	<p><u>Election e-mail</u></p> <p>The Chairman advised that an e-mail had been sent to Councillors regarding information on the election process.</p>

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.25pm.