

07 March 2017

To: The Leader and Deputy Leader; Councillors Howard Bairstow; David Fish; David Fenn; James Fredrickson; John Gardner; Sarah Greenall; Arthur Johnson; Mike Johnston; Tony Stretton; Martha Vickers.

Substitutes: Councillors Jeff Beck; Jo Day; Miles Evans; Elizabeth O'Keeffe; Margo Payne; Kuldip Singh Kang.

Also: All Members of the Council for information.

Dear Councillor,

You are required to attend a meeting of the Community Services Committee to be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Market Place, Newbury, on **Monday 13 March 2017 at 7.30pm**. This meeting is open to the Press and Public.

Yours sincerely,

Granville Taylor
Community Services Manager

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
Community Services Manager
- 2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**
Chairperson
To receive any declarations of interest relating to business to be conducted in this meeting and confirmation of any relevant dispensations.
- 3. Minutes (Appendix 1)**
Chairperson
To approve the minutes of a meeting of the Community Services Committee held on Monday 12 December 2016, already circulated and as attached at Appendix 1.
- 4. Questions and Petitions from Members of the Public**
Chairperson
- 5. Members' Questions and Petitions**
Chairperson

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6. Victoria Park

Chairperson of Victoria Park Working Group

To receive a verbal update relating to Victoria Park from Cllr David Fish.

7. Victoria Park Working Group Minutes (Appendix 2)

Chairperson

To note the minutes of the Market Working Party held on 29 November 2016 as attached at Appendix 2.

8. Victoria Park Café

Chairperson

To note invitations for expressions of interest on leasing the Victoria Park Café have been advertised with a closing date of 27 February 2017. These responses will be used to formulate the commercial viability of the facility.

Evaluations are underway to assess the full cost of the construction. This has proved to be problematic due to the revisions on the design to accommodate the Environment Agencies restrictions and bring down build costs to an acceptable and commercially viable level. Revisions have had to be submitted to planning for consideration.

9. Newtown Road Cemetery Working Party (Appendix 3)

Chairperson

To note the minutes of the Newtown Road Cemetery Working Group held on 31 January 2017 as attached at Appendix 3.

10. Market Working Party Minutes (Appendix 4)

Chairperson

To note the minutes of the Market Working Party held on 28 November 2016 as attached at Appendix 4.

11. Award of Grant Aid - Falkland School Charitable Trust

Chairperson

11.1 In November 2014 the Grants Sub awarded £750 to Falkland Primary School towards the cost of the new footpath on our recreation ground. The money has been earmarked in reserves since March 2015 and the project has only recently been completed. The original time scale has been exceeded due to approval and installation delays. We therefore now need to release this grant and seek approval for this to proceed.

11.2 To approve releasing the Grant Aid Award to Falkland School Charitable Trust.

12. City Recreation Ground

Chairperson

12.1 The safer surface in City Recreation play area has dropped below acceptable safety levels and in need of repair/replacement.

12.2 To approve the allocation of £9,000 of S106/CIL funds to enable these urgent Works to be carried out.

13. Newbury Library Working Group

Chairperson

13.1 To note at their meeting on 7 February West Berkshire District Council Members (WBDC) voted in favour of maintaining 8 libraries across the district, including Newbury library, with an overall reduction in staff of 44% and greatly increased reliance on volunteering.

This includes the closure of Wash Common library on 31 March. The Mobile and the "At Home Services" will continue across the district including in Wash Common. The Needs Assessment undertaken last autumn by Red Quadrant revealed that Wash Common library is, per visit, the third most expensive to run and the home library of less than 3% of active borrowers in the library service. It was also clear that many Wash Common customers use Newbury Library because of its proximity and far greater range of stock and services, and many use it to drop books off which were issued at Newbury Library. The Council has received a proposal about setting up a community run library at Wash Common and Cllr Boeck has responded by letter asking for further discussions about the detail.

WBDC wish to set up a Newbury Library Working Group as soon as possible and ask the Town Council to nominate Members. These may also include volunteers and library users. The purpose of the group will be to ensure that we work together effectively, within the constraints of the resources available, to increase library usage and income, ensure that opening times meet the needs of local communities and explore ways in which Newbury Town Council might benefit from the facilities at Newbury Library, in return for the Council's contribution towards this facility.

13.2 To appoint Members to the Working Group.

14. Victoria Park Tennis Coaching Provision (Appendix 5a & 5b)

Chairperson

14.1 To consider Officers recommendation for a coaching provision in Victoria Park Tennis Courts as attached at Appendix 5a/b.

14.2 To approve the awarding of the contract to "Community Tennis Association" in accordance with Officers recommendation.

14.3 To consider the tennis court playing surface colouration combination options (to be presented to Members at the meeting) and **recommend** preferred option.