

Present: Councillors: Mario Toto (Chair for the meeting), Simon Lorrimer-Roberts and David Newland.

Officers: Lesley Sung (Council Manager) and Lisa Emmanuel (Project Support Officer)

PC089 CHAIR FOR THE MEETING

In the absence of the Chair, Councillor Tate Chapman-Ballard and the absence of the Vice-Chair, Councillor Jaime Tamagnini-Barbosa, Councillor Mario Toto was appointed the Chair for this meeting.

PC090 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Adam Chapman-Ballard, Tate Chapman-Ballard, Brendan Metcalfe and Jaime Tamagnini-Barbosa.

PC091 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

PC092 MINUTES

Resolved Unanimously: That the Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Projects Committee held on 26 November 2019 and the extra-ordinary meeting of the Projects Committee held on 4 December 2019 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

PC093 PROJECT HIGHLIGHT REPORT

Resolved Unanimously: That the Project Highlight Report be accepted.

PC094 BROWNS WOOD SPORTS GROUND – WOODEN BRIDGE – ACCESS TO PLAY AREA

The Committee received details of a quote to repair the wooden bridge at Browns Wood Sports Ground. Pedestrian access to the sports ground from Elgar Grove is via a footpath adjacent to the last house on Morley Crescent and the path leads through the wooded area to a wooden bridge over the brook. The bridge is falling into disrepair and requires the handrails and uprights to be replaced as a minimum.

The repairs could be funded by using the District Park s.106 monies at a cost of £8,215 with an added contingency of between £1,500 to £2,000 per three cross beams, if required.

Resolved Unanimously: That the wooden bridge be repaired, to be funded through District Park s.106 monies.

PC095 BROWNS WOOD SPORTS GROUND – CAR PARK EXTENSION

The Committee had received a report from NC & JC Construction on the progress of the construction of the car park extension at Browns Wood Sports Ground and considered that the site was being well managed.

The installation of a car park sign was progressing and a quote for the work was being sought. The most appropriate location for the car park sign would be on the right-hand side of the car park barrier so that it could act as a natural barrier to prevent unauthorised access to the sports ground.

The Project Support Officer reported that Western Power was still to install the power for the electric car charging units and that the defibrillator had been received but that it would be installed as the last item before completion of the site.

Resolved Unanimously: That the car park sign be located on the right-hand side of the car park barrier to prevent access to the site.

PC096 BROWNS WOOD SPORTS GROUND – STORAGE AT THE MULTI-USE GAMES AREA (MUGA)

The Committee considered options for the storage of the MUGA equipment at Browns Wood Sports Ground. The Project Support Officer reported that a bench height structure could double as a bench and storage for netball posts, tennis nets etc. The cost of storage provision could be funded through 'Neighbourhood Play' s.106 monies.

Resolved Unanimously:

1. That quotes be sought for a bespoke bench/storage unit and that installation of the unit.
2. That, to prevent any delay in the installation of the bench/storage unit, the Council Manager, in consultation with the Chair of the Projects Committee and Councillor Mario Toto (Chair of this meeting) be authorised to purchase a bespoke unit up to a cost of £10K, to be funded from the 'Neighbourhood Play' s.106 monies.

PC097 ACTIVE PLAY

The Project Support Officer reported that the frame for the swings had now been installed at Tansman Lane play area and was awaiting a date for the shrub removal.

The Project Support Officer reported that she was currently preparing a bid application to Milton Keynes Council Community Infrastructure Fund (CIF) for £10,000 for the refurbishment of Sullivan Crescent play area.

Resolved Unanimously: That the active play report be accepted.

PC098 STRATEGIC LANDSCAPING

The Project Support Officer reported that the pond works were now complete and the match funding of approximately £2,200 could be claimed from Milton Keynes Council's Parish Partnership Fund. It was envisaged that further maintenance type works could be carried out by The Conservation Volunteers in the future.



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MK7 7DE at 7.00pm**

The Project Support Officer reported that improvements to the snail park was progressing with some stump grinding to be carried out in the future. Councillor Lorrimer-Roberts reported that the shrubs at Wingate Circle play area needed cutting back.

There was £6,150 left in the strategic landscaping budget.

Resolved Unanimously: That works at the snail park and Wingate Circle be authorised and funded from the remaining Strategic Landscaping budget of £6,150.

PC099 PROJECTS COMMITTEE BUDGET 2019/20

Resolved Unanimously: That the projects committee budget report be accepted.

PC100 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

Resolved Unanimously: That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the Committee to consider matters relating to the negotiation of the potential transfer of Walnut Tree Pavilion and sports ground.

PC101 WALNUT TREE PAVILION

The Projects Support Officer and Council Manager had undertaken a site visit to Walnut Tree Pavilion along with representatives of Milton Keynes Council to discuss any repairs carried out by the Council's contractors at the site. The Project Support Officer reported that some works to the outside roof and guttering were evidenced but it was obvious that some works had not been carried out, such as the roof leak and the boiler.

Resolved Unanimously: That Walton Community Council and Milton Keynes Council continues to negotiate the terms of transfer of the Walnut Tree Pavilion and Sports Ground.

The meeting ended at 8.15pm

Accepted as a true and accurate record

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Signed

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Date