

BRACKNELL TOWN COUNCIL
STRATEGY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
14TH JULY 2015

Present: Chairman Cllr: Chris Turrell.
Cllrs: Gill Birch, Peter Heydon, Isabel Mattick, Mark Phillips,
Sanjeev Prasad, Mary Temperton (Co-opt), Malcolm Tullett.
Apologies: Cllrs: Paul Bidwell, Marc Brunel-Walker, Iain McCracken.
In Attendance J Burgess (OSM), R Reeve (TC), 1 member of public.

1074 Declarations of Interest.

None

1075 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 16th June were accepted as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

1076 Matters arising out of the minutes not to be discussed elsewhere

There were no matters arising

1077 Website.

The evaluation of suppliers by the Website Working Group for providing the new website had been completed. The preferred supplier was a local company, able to provide a low cost approach to developing the website, as well as support that would suit the Town Council. The website would also process online payments. The Working Group would continue to have an input into the design and development of the new website, with the Chairman attending the initial meeting with the preferred Supplier. The Receptionist and Bookings Administration would maintain the website with the Project Administrator maintaining Facebook and Twitter. Officers will also put in place a service agreement with the provider

Councillors were requested to ratify the proposal from the Website Working Group to proceed with Creotec as the website provider with an anticipated date of September for going live. The motion was **APPROVED** unanimously.

1078 Great Hollands Pavilion

Councillors considered the outcomes of the feasibility study for building a replacement Great Hollands pavilion, which had previously been presented to the Great Hollands Pavilion WG. This study had been commissioned following a complete rebuild having been identified as the preferred option (refer minute 2848). Councillors made a number of comments/ suggestions on the study, for the Working Group to now investigate, with results to be reported back in the year. Whilst the feasibility study had not at yet resulted in a design that the Committee felt was entirely suitable, it was noted that the town council now had a basis on which to develop ideas, so that agreement on a suitable design/ way forward could be achieved later in the year.

In support of this, officers would be putting together a business case, including reviewing costs of the rebuild, how this could be financed as well as the potential increased net income achievable from operating a new pavilion.

Other comments were that:

- Councillors/ the SHP WG to be presented with design options at next stage
- This is a big BTC investment, so needs a business case to be made for what is affordable, including to show how costs of rebuild will be financed (reserves/loan/ grants/ other) and also comparing existing running costs with that of a new building.
- Need to review/ reduce avoid those costs which are excessive in the feasibility study to ensure affordable/ low impact on Council Tax. For example, could we operationally combine café / function areas?

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- Landscaping – prefer to save money and do this ‘in house’.
- Whilst aiming for a sports grant, changing facilities must not be to the detriment of other community building use
- Need to consult sports clubs - what do they want, what would they use. Need input/ support from sports clubs and also of residents who would use facilities to be reflected in business plan.
- Need to consider moving the pavilion closer to the car park so we can keep using current pavilion during the build. Also ,if pavilion was by the road/ the car park, noise generated from hall hires may less disturb residents, albeit links to paddling pool/ sports facilities would become more stretched
- Explore Eco-build which would bring people to Great Hollands. For which grants are available. If an Eco-build, the function room could be booked by schools, at certain times, for educational talks.
- Carefully review spend on Bowling Club at this stage, as maybe encourage club to invest themselves, so might be better to leave it unchanged for now.
- Play areas should not be located nearer to the houses, especially when there is so much space at Great Hollands.
- Design initially appears over fixated on toilet provision, so maybe review layout options.
- Pursue design and build option for procurement at later stage to save money.
- Ensure working group has looks at other buildings, for example the community hall at Jennetts Park has a multi-use room, and is likely to have been cheap and is popular.

ACTION The Working Group needs to consider these matters and to report back to the Strategy and Finance Committee later in year.

Next Meeting 8th September 2015 at 7.30pm

SignedDated