

Whiteley Parish Council

Strategic Development and Policy Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Wednesday 24th February at 8.30pm.

Parish Council Committee members present: Mike Evans (Chairman), Colin Bielckus, David Jenkins, Kairen Goves, Al Menzies, Pat Thew

Parish Councillors Brian Hughes, Roland Diffey, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver

1. **To receive apologies for absence** Brenda Hatch
2. **To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items** None
3. **To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public** Not required
4. **Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items:**

4.1 To review issues concerning proposals for North Whiteley and reports to be made to the North Whiteley Development Forum . **Confirmation of the membership of the Forum and date for first meeting to be chased. Action Clerk.**

4.2 To review issues concerning Whiteley Village redevelopment and hub/facility for young people proposals. **WCC confirmed that £50K is allocated in the 2010/11 budget for a community facility in Whiteley. At the meeting with Parish Councils on 27th January, the Leader of WCC stated that with the continued development of businesses and residential housing at Whiteley, the finance would be found to provide this important facility. A copy of the presentation has been circulated to members. Confirmation is awaited on the level of financial contribution from HCC for the library which will be contained within the hub. This will be raised with Councillor Allgood at the March Full Council meeting.**

4.3 To discuss opportunity offered by Winchester City Council to take responsibility for Meadowside recreation ground, skatepark and play areas at the end of the current maintenance contract in 2011 following a full consideration of financial and operational issues. **Meeting to be arranged with WCC to further request that the Parish Council be able to run the maintenance contract for the areas it may adopt (Meadowside Rec, play areas within fenced areas excluding those in Area K) in parallel to WCC from 1st April 2010. Action Clerk.**

It was agreed to write to James Wade, Manger of Meadowside, to congratulate his team on achieving a 70% mark in its second assessment under the national Quest Quality Scheme for Sport and Leisure. Action Clerk.

4.4 To receive update on planning for improved access to Whiteley from Highways Working Party - SATURN study briefing 14th January, WPC's response to HCC dated 11th February regarding validation report . **The Chairman thanked Cllr Diffey for the very comprehensive response to the study. A reply from HCC is awaited.**

4.5 To agree possible dates to meet with WCC and DC Leisure to discuss management of Meadowside Leisure Centre and impact on facilities WPC is likely to adopt in 2011 **Clerk to arrange meeting, Cllr Thew and Cllr Evans to attend.**

4.6 To review the Parish Council's 2009/10 strategy and key objectives and agree amendments and additions for 2010/11 **Awaiting input from other committees, refer to next meeting.**

5. **To identify any unmanaged risks within this committee's remit** Continue to monitor.
6. **Review effectiveness of communication, development of links with other community organisations and support for local democracy through making information more widely available** Continue to include updates in the Whiteley Voice.
7. **Recent correspondence / reports from meetings of relevance to this committee** None.

Meeting closed 8.55pm