

## KESGRAVE TOWN COUNCIL

### Community and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes 9 December 2019

#### **Councillors Present:**

Councillor A Comber (*Chair of this Committee*)

Councillor G Lynch

Councillor A Athwall

Councillor P Carr

Councillor S Ventriglia

Councillor J Ogden

#### **In Attendance:**

- Mrs J Catling-Green Events & Estate Manager
1. **Welcome and Apologies for Absence** – The Chair welcomed those present and confirmed there were no apologies.
  2. **Declaration of Interests** – Cllr Lynch – member of conservative party.
  3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting** - held on Monday 16 September 2019 – These Minutes were received, considered and approved by the Committee, following the vote. (Signed copy in the minute folder).
  4. **Officer Report/Update/Matters Arising** – None
  5. **Members of the Public** – One member of the public
  6. **Youth Club** – KTC are awaiting a new agreement from Orwell Housing for the continuation of the Thursday evening Youth Club numbers are currently low, it was suggested that the age group needs to be lowered for the Thursday Club. 4YP confirmed that in the last couple of weeks, 20 young people have attended the Tuesday Club. Positive feedback has been given to 4YP from parents and young people. A full report from 4YP will be available in the New Year.
  7. **Millennium Jubilee Hall (MJH) / Millennium Sports Ground (MSG) –**
    - a. Outside water bottle fillers – JC-G confirmed she had received an installation cost of £300 per filler. Cllr Lynch agreed to fund both fillers, one at the MJH and one at the Town Council Office from his enabling budget.
  8. **Play Areas, Open Spaces –**
    - a. It was agreed that an additional bench be installed at the MJH, directly outside the building. The Covenant will be contacted for permission.
    - b. Conservation Project – Cllr Comber gave an update on the works which had taken place at Pergola Piece and stated that Norse would also be levelling and

lowering the hedges there. 150 trees had been received via the conservation group and locations for planting were being planned.

**9. Events –**

a. Kesgrave Fireworks – It was the first year KTC organised the event and approximately 2000 people attended.

b. Light Switch On – Event well and with a good attendance. It was agreed that additional lights along the row of shops could draw more people to the event. Tesco to be approached for funding from their Community Fund.

c. Ice Skating, approximately 550 people attended. Discussion took place on ways to make it a larger event for 2020.

d. Evening of Reflection to take place on Friday 13 December.

e. Event Ideas – Cllr Lynch would like to see Kesgrave sports groups invited to attend a Kesgrave Market in the Spring, this would enable local clubs to publicise the many sporting opportunities there are in Kesgrave, this could be held in the Rupert Fison Square alongside the market. The member of public put forward the idea of having a collection of 2<sup>nd</sup> hand toys which could be collected and then donated to the less fortunate in Kesgrave at Christmas. The Committee discussed the option of holding a Chairman’s reception in 2020, it was felt that this may not be the ‘current’ thing to do, a possibility would be to work this in with an existing KTC event.

**10. Annual Budget -** AC gave an update on additions to the budget which would be raised at the F&G meeting in January. Discussion took place on the possible hire of a contract vehicle for the Estate Operatives. Full costs would be obtained. The knee rail at the MJH is in poor condition and allowance would need to be made for a replacement.

**11. Suggestions for Press and Media –** None.

**12. To receive** such other communications or matters of sufficient urgency and importance that the Chairman will allow for discussion (to be notified to the office by 12noon on the day of the meeting) – Cllr Comber stated that volunteers were always needed at events and thanked those who had helped this year.

**13. Agenda Items for Next Meeting – To consider any matters that members would like to discuss at the next meeting on Monday 3 February at 7.15pm in the Council Chamber at the Town Council Offices. Apologies from Cllr Ventriglia, reason personal and Cllr Athwall, reason personal.**

*(meeting closed at 8.05pm)*

**Signed: Chairman..... Date.....**