

KESGRAVE TOWN COUNCIL

Community and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

8 April 2024

Councillors Present:

Councillor A Comber (*Chair of this Committee*)

Councillor G Lynch

Councillor J Ogden

Councillor T Hook

Councillor A Athwall

In Attendance:

- Miss J Catling - Events & Estate Manager (EE)
- Councillor Neal Beecroft-Smith
- Councillor Rod Gibson

- 1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence –** The Chair welcomed all those present.
- 2. Declaration of Interests –** None.
- 3. Minutes of the Last Meeting -** held on 15 January 2024— 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 –** EE shared with the Committee a letter written by a 9 year old resident about litter and some posters she has created. It was agreed to display these in the town.
- 5. Members of the Public –** 3 members of the public were present. They were disappointed to see the jumps in the woods along Longstrops had been flattened and asked who the owner is and responsible for this. East Suffolk Services own the land and it is understood that they were on site on Monday clearing the jumps. The pump track was also discussed, and the residents are in favour of the project. It was clarified that any letters of support need to be sent to East Suffolk Council as the Planning Authority.
- 6. Play Areas, Open Spaces**
 - a. Pump Track in Kesgrave – Awaiting feedback from East Suffolk Council regarding the noise assessment. Cllr Gibson confirmed this had previously been discussed at Planning and asked about the quotes for the fencing and an architect. EE has contacted some architects but to date not received a reply. EE will enquire with companies for a quote in regard to the fencing of the area and chase architects.
 - b. Bee Cafe – The Events and Estate Manager reported that she is now a member of Great Bealings Climate Emergency Rapid Response Squad. Paul Martin a retired engineer has set up this group and is installing bee cafes locally. His aim is to create a bee café walk using the Sandlings pathway. EE has made contact with Paul to see if he would install a bee café in Kesgrave. EE and Paul met on Friday 4 April and found two possible locations, one to the entrance of the office and the other near the new wildflower bed at the side of the office. EE stated that the bee café has been donated and will be planted and installed at the end of April. Paul would also like to add a bee café along Longstrops, which is part of the Sandlings walk. The committee agreed the best position of the bee café is behind the new wildflower bed adjacent to the office.

Cllr Lynch stated that he would be happy to fund a further 5 bee cafes for the town at approximately £300 each. EE will look into locations and contact Paul Martin.

7. Community Events –

- a. Tea Party 10 April 1pm – 3pm – Cllr Gibson/Comber to attend
- b. Outing to Felixstowe Wednesday 1st May 10am – 3pm – Cllr Gibson/Comber to attend
- c. Kesgrave Fun Day – EE asked for volunteers and will circulate an email nearer the time to confirm.

8. Martyns Law – Back-ground information previously circulated – It was agreed to see the outcome of the recent consultation before putting an action plan in place for standard tier

9. EP Passenger Interest Group – Paper previously circulated, it was agreed that Councillor Odgen be the KTC representative.

10. CIL Monies available – There are funds available and as previously discussed can be used at the Millenium Hall car park.

11. Suggestions for the Press and Media – Usual meeting dates etc to be advertised, litter bin poster to be submitted.

12. Other/Urgent Communications –

13. Date of Next Meeting – 17 June 2024 at 7.53m in the Council Chamber, Town Council Office.

14. Agenda items for Next Meeting – none.

Meeting closed at 7.53pm

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