

KESGRAVE TOWN COUNCIL

Community and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes 20 November 2023

Councillors Present:

Councillor A Comber (*Chair of this Committee*)

Councillor G Lynch

Councillor D Mears

Councillor T Hook (arrived 7.17pm)

Councillor A Athwall

In Attendance:

- Mrs J Catling - Events & Estate Manager
- Councillor R Gibson

- 1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence –** The Chair welcomed all those present. Apologies received from Cllr J Ogden, reason work.
- 2. Declaration of Interests –** None.
- 3. Minutes of the Last Meeting -** held on 11 September 2023— 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 –** None.
- 6. Play Areas, Open Spaces**
 - a. Pump Track in Kesgrave – Councillor Gibson, working with Solicitors.
 - b. Oak Meadow Play Area – Main entrance gate damaged, replacement on order through an insurance claim. Cause of damage, unknown.
- 7. Community Events -**
 - a. Tea Parties 2024 — It was agreed to continue with tea parties for 2024. 6 Dates currently booked with entertainer.
 - b. Kesgrave Fireworks 3 November 2024 – Date agreed for 2024.
 - c. Light Switch on/Ice Skating/Santas Grotto 24 and 25th November – Volunteers requested, Cllr Athwall, Gibson and Mears have agreed to help.
 - d. Remembrance/Beacon. The lighting of the beacon took place on Sunday 12th November. Unfortunately, only 7 members of the public attended. It was agreed that the beacon would be lit for large scale events only and will be advertised through the press and social media.
- 8. Kesgrave Conservation and Climate Emergency –**
 - a. Wildlife Pond – Longstrops – Awaiting signage from Greenways.
 - b. Green Infrastructure Project – Cllr Comber gave an update. He attended with the Clerk a meeting last month held by District and another follow up meeting will take place in January with other local communities. There are 5 projects happening in the area and these will be looked at.
- 9. The Hang Out and Detached Youth Work Kesgrave –** The Clerk and Events and Estate

Manager attended a Well Being event at Kesgrave High School. It was a good opportunity to Network with other organisations, including 4YP. A member of staff at 4YP reported that the Youth Club and Outreach work in Kesgrave is going well.

10. Legion Green – 400 bulbs collected from East Suffolk Council as part of their conservation initiatives and have been planted along Legion Green, this has been communicated with ESSL regarding grass cutting.

11. Budget 2024/25 – Cllr Comber has submitted budget requests.

12. Suggestions for the Press and Media – Usual meeting dates etc to be advertised.

13. Other/Urgent Communications – Cllr Athwall passed on her thanks to the Events and Estate Manger for all her work with events.

14. Date of Next Meeting – 15 January 2024 at 7.15pm in the Council Chamber, Town Council Office.

15. Agenda items for Next Meeting – none.

Meeting closed at 7.47pm

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

