

LEIGHTON-LINSLADE TOWN COUNCIL

CONCESSIONS TASK AND FINISH GROUP

THURSDAY 17 DECEMBER 2020 AT 1400 HOURS

Present: Councillors P Snelling
S Jones
T Morris
V Harvey

Also in attendance: M Saccoccio (Town Clerk)
S Sandiford (Head of Democratic & Central
Services)
I Haynes (Head of Grounds & Environmental
Services)

Members of the Public: 0

01/C APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence had been received.

02/C APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor S Jones be appointed Chair of the Concessions Task and Finish Group. There were no further nominations. On being put to the vote, the motion was carried.

RESOLVED to appoint Councillor S Jones Chair of the Concessions Task and Finish Group.

Councillor Jones took the Chair.

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor P Snelling be appointed Vice Chair of the Concessions Task and Finish Group.

RESOLVED to appoint Councillor P Snelling Vice Chair of the Concessions Task and Finish Group.

03/C DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members were asked to declare any interests, including the nature of those interests, which they had in any of the items under consideration at this meeting.

Councillor V Harvey declared a personal interest as a member of the Leighton Buzzard Society and South Bedfordshire Friends of the Earth.

04/C QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from members of the public.

05/C EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED that, under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded on the grounds of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted which involves the likely disclosure of exempt information. The public and press to withdraw from the meeting during consideration of detailed discussion regarding: Concessions.

06/C CONCESSIONS

The Task and Finish Group had received copies of documents in advance of the meeting in respect of the process which had been undertaken to grant refreshment and ice cream concessions in Parson's Close Recreation Ground. This process had been initiated following the installation of footfall counters at entrances to the park.

Discussion took place regarding the request for reduced concession fees for the financial year 2020-21 by the concession holder, which had been discussed by the Grounds and Environmental Services Committee at an extraordinary meeting held on 9 November 2020.

The Task and Finish Group also received a verbal presentation on an approach made by a cycle hire provider. A number of questions were asked and answered. The Task and Finish Group agreed to invite the provider to the next meeting with a view to considering a formal recommendation to the Grounds and Environmental Services Committee in March 2020.

07/C NEXT STEPS

RESOLVED to invite the refreshment and ice cream concession holder to attend the next meeting and to provide information including: details of community engagement work undertaken since the concession started, what actions have been taken since the meeting held on 9 November 2020 and the business plan for the next twelve months.

RESOLVED to invite the cycle hire provider to attend and present their proposal at the next meeting.

A January meeting date was suggested.

The meeting closed at 1455 hours.

I HEREBY CONFIRM THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 DECEMBER 2020.