

## West Byfleet Neighbourhood Forum Committee meeting minutes

Location: Camphill Social Club  
Date: 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023  
Time: 7.00pm  
Attendees: Wade Pollard (Chair), Stewart Dick, Ian McAtamney, Mike Corbett, Keith Creswell, Fran MacKay, Josh Brown and Councillors Graves, Jordan and Boote  
Apologies: Emma Davis, Richard Thomas, Chris Dougherty, Dharma Sivarasingham

### Agenda items

ITEM NO:

1. Apologies were received as above.
2. The Minutes of the April and May 2023 meetings were approved.
3. Drinks Party

In view of the financial problems at Woking Council, agreed to cancel the drinks party.

#### 4. Botanical Place Liaison Group

Agreed to ask RVG for one meeting in West Byfleet to discuss issues best looked at on site. Subsequently arranged for September.

#### 5. Recreation Ground Improvements

We await the outcome of the meeting between our Six Local Councillors and Julie Fisher, Chief Executive of Woking Council on 28<sup>th</sup> May. This meeting was subsequently postponed until September.

Neighbourhood CIL and Recreation Ground renovations.

It has been confirmed that despite the appointment of Commissioners to aid Council finances that CIL is still available for infrastructure improvements but such improvements should not carry additional current expenses for WBC.

The Committee noted the prior agreement to the Exercise equipment proposal amounting to c £50k being sponsored by Cllr Josh Brown and asked he puts it forward to the Executive as soon as possible. Given the Council finances, some concern was expressed about ongoing maintenance and it should be confirmed that this is covered by either the existing Serco contract or supplier's warranties.

The Committee considered the LTA proposal being sponsored by Cllr Amanda Boote for net £65k, some discussion took place about an alternate single court proposal for similar cost but given Council financial position and direct procurement restrictions this was rejected as impractical. Some discussion took place on the siting of the MultiUse Games Area (MUGA) and the proposals within the outline were accepted. The LTA proposal was therefore accepted with the following caveats,

1 there would be no cost overrun exposure to NCIL or WBC

2 the likely session charge of £8, would be mitigated for vulnerable and young users. Cllr Boote undertook to seek local charitable help in providing this.

Note that the session charge is projected to provide sufficient funds for the fee collections service, court maintenance and periodic resurfacing. Cllr Boote will seek to provide the LTA contract to

WBNF Vice-chair to review.

3 that the element of the peripheral path providing access to the Tennis courts and equipment area, also providing access to the Junior School “field gate” would be completed to the same timescale.

It was noted that the renovation/replacement of the Pavillion was still being explored and was subject to budgetary confirmation of NCIL available. The peripheral path objective is being pursued by Cllr. Jordan.

#### 6. Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy

The balance at the end of May was circa £1.04 million. An additional £34,250 is due from Botanical Place. This has not yet been received by the Council.

NB The Meeting in July did not have a quorum and so no decisions were made and there are no minutes. A discussion took place about the implications of the financial situation of Woking Council.

There is no scheduled meeting in August and the next meeting will be on 13<sup>th</sup> September.