

KESGRAVE TOWN COUNCIL

Community and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes 9 May 2022

Councillors Present:

Councillor A Comber (*Chair of this Committee*)
Councillor G Lynch
Councillor J Ogden
Councillor A Athwall
Councillor R Gibson

In Attendance:

- Mrs J Catling-Green Events & Estate Manager

1. **Welcome and Apologies for Absence** – The Chair welcomed those present, and apologies were received from Councillor Stu Lawson.
2. **Declaration of Interests** – None
3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting** - held on Monday 7 February 2022 – 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. **Youth Provision** - JC-G confirmed that 4YP reported 40 young people attended the Hang Out last week, which is the largest number yet. The Outreach work is going well on a Tuesday evening from 6.30pm – 8.30pm. Some of the young people met, now attend the Hang Out. 4YP are organising an additional day over the summer holidays and potentially more subject to staffing and funding.
7. **Play Areas, Open Spaces**
 - a. Dobbs Drift refurbishment works near completion. Holly Road is due to start tomorrow. The encroachment of land issue at Holly Road has been resolved.
 - b. General Community Initiatives & updates. JC-G met with Jason from Rubbish Walks and as discussed at the previous C&R meeting, he is continuing to work on the project for a nature trail around the area of Pergola Piece and Pilbroughs Walk. Jason has also been asked by JC-G to attend the next tea party in June to do a small presentation on Fresh Air Friends, an initiative on meeting up, going for a walk and then having refreshments. AC and the Town Clerk have recently met with a resident to discuss Cedarwood Walk planting. An outline plan has been produced and planting should begin at the end of the summer. He also reported that Pilbroughs Walk fencing has been completed, LED lighting schedule sorted for July, the underpasses art project completed with the exception of the High School underpass and that a meeting with Bury St Edmunds Community Transport will be taking place on the 13th May. The Kesgrave Wombles are doing an excellent job and it is very noticeable that there is a lot less litter around Kesgrave. Our thanks for the excellent work they do.
 - c. Bench requests – a bench request has been received at the office by young people for two benches to be sited at either end of the underpass by All Saints Church. It was agreed that this would not be a suitable location for benches and that there were others nearby.

Another request received was for a 'break bench' to be sited towards Grange Lane for people to rest on their walk towards Martlesham. This was agreed and a suitable location has been found near to Fox Lea open space. Cllr McCallum has agreed to fund this bench along with another on Legion Green. The bench on Legion Green will be a memorial bench with a plaque for Tony Cornforth – the co-creator of the Makaton sign language **in** 1947 who was a Kesgrave resident.

- d.** Bi-annual tree survey – this will take place in June 2022
- e.** Rupert Fison Square – JC-G has requested quotes for works to the levelling of block paving that have sunk in the square. AC also reported that JC-G is looking at new planters for the square along with a canopy. GL suggested that sponsorship for the planters is investigated. This was agreed.

8. Events -

- a.** JC-G reported on the upcoming events –The next big event is the Fun Day on the 9th July, volunteers required for the day. Cllr Athwall volunteered to help.
- b.** Plans for the Platinum Jubilee – the next tea party takes place on Wednesday 8th June at 1.30pm and will be a celebration tea for the Platinum Jubilee. The beacon will be lit in a small ceremony on the 2nd of June at 6pm on Legion Green. A locally made Coronet will be fixed to the beacon and four stones fixed to the coronet will represent the four schools in the area. Two pieces of music will also be played which have been chosen for the occasion. Fun Day is having a red, white and blue theme.

9. Other requests – None

10. Suggestions for Press and Media – Advertise upcoming events. Fence and hedging guidelines, Councillor recruitment.

11. 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) –

12. Agenda Items for Next Meeting – To consider any matters that members would like to discuss at the next meeting on Monday 4th July 2022 at 7.15pm in the Council Chamber at the Town Council Offices. *(Meeting closed at 19.43)*

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