

**A MEETING OF THE
LEISURE FACILITIES AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE
TO BE HELD ON
MONDAY 11th APRIL 2011
IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, PROSPECT PLACE WELWYN.
COMMENCING AT 7.30PM**

Any member of the electorate is welcome to attend the meeting.

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14TH FEBRUARY 2011.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 14TH FEBRUARY 2011

5. CIVIC CENTRE

Request for a concession. The Goat Players wish to hire the Civic Centre on the 27th November to stage a Pantomime and on the 20th November for a dress rehearsal. **APPENDIX 1**

The cost at community rate for the two hires is £ 360.

Details of the concession given to the Goat Players Last year attached as **APPENDIX 2**

6. ST MARY'S CHURCH WALL

6.1 An Archaeologist has been appointed by the Architect managing this project, to be on standby should they be required to attend the site, when bore holes are dug to ascertain what foundations the wall was built on. This cost is expected to be £ 265 for one day's work however this could be considerably more depending on what is uncovered. See **APPENDIX 3**

6.2 The Grave Digger the Council use has been appointed to dig the bore holes **APPENDIX 4**

7 PARISH PLANTERS

Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council (WHBC) has been advised the Council would like to site the planters as follows:

- Two at the top of the entrance steps to the Civic Centre:

- The third in Lockleys Drive, near the bungalows:

A map marking the location of each planter has been sent to WHBC. Report by the Clerk.

8 WELWYN & DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB RENT REVIEW

Following advice from Crane and Staples Solicitors the arbitration process was suspended and a letter was sent to the trustees of the Bowls Club by the Solicitor. Copy attached as **APPENDIX 5**

A response was received from the Welwyn and District Bowls Club, copy attached as **APPENDIX 6**

Following a review of the three reports from Brown and Lee Chartered Surveyors, Crane and Staples Solicitors suggested the Council consider obtaining an independent valuation from a member of RICs or consider offering a 50% grant on the existing valuation for the five year rental period upon receipt of the Welwyn and District Bowls Club's last audited accounts and membership by post code.

Report by the Chairman.

9 SPECIAL EXPENDITURE ON LOCAL NATURE RESERVES IN THE WELWYN PARISH

WHBC advised special expenditure on Local Nature Reserves in Danesbury, Singlers Marsh and Mardley Heath for the 2011.2012 year is £ 15,930. WHBC has been requested to provide details of the costs of maintaining the Local Nature Reserves and the long term management plans for these areas.

As there has been no management of trees in Mardley Wood, South of Heath Road, for at least eight years. WHBC's

future management plans for this area were requested. Response attached as **APPENDIX 7**

10 WHITEHILL PLAY AREA

The Whitehill Play area was officially opened by Grant Shapps MP on Friday 8th April 2011. A Press Release was issued and the event was covered by the Welwyn and Hatfield Times. Press Release attached as **APPENDIX 8**

Report by the Chairman

11 LITTERPICKING AND GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT APRIL 2011 – MARCH 2012

Specification attached a s

APPENDIX 9

Three tenders have been received to complete the above contact. Attached as **APPENDIX 10**

12 PROPOSED WAITING RESPRICIIONS IN OTTWAY WALK

Following a request from St Mary's School Governing Body to consider installing yellow lines from the emergency school gate to the Sports and Social Club to prevent parents parking in this area during school drop off and pick up times, advice was sought from National Association of Local Councils (NALC). Their response is attached as

APPENDIX 11

13 PROPOSED SPONSORSHIP OF A DOG BIN ON SINGLERS MARSH

Councillor Skidmore requests the Committee consider sponsoring the installation of a Dog Bin on Singlers MarSh. The cost of the Dog bin is £ 260.16. Once installed the management of the bin would be undertaken by WHBC. WHBC have no plans to install any bins in this area.

14 CLEANER VILLAGES WEEK 25TH JUNE – 2ND JULY 2011

To discuss when to hold the following events

- Digswell
- Welwyn Village
- Oaklands and Mardley Heath.

15 WELWYN ALLOTMENTS

To agree the date of the first allotment inspection.

16 CLOSE OF MEETING.

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Clerk to the Council

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