

**Leisure and Recreation Committee Meeting
22 July 2021**

Present: Councillors Dodson, G Eccles, J Eccles, Hird, Hirst, Kenyon, Middleton, Pringle, A Westmorland, G Westmorland, Wilson and the town clerk.

6 members of the public were in attendance

144 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Womersley.

Resolved that the reason for absence be approved.

145 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs G Eccles and J Eccles each declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 5(d) - Hemsworth Water Park (review of the lakes).

146 MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2021 be approved.

147 HEMSWORTH MUSIC FESTIVAL

Mr Gary Wood of CE Events (previously appointed as the event manager) attended to answer questions from the committee.

Resolved that:

- Mr Gary Wood be reaffirmed as the event manager for the festival.
- Costings be obtained for a marching pipe band, parade marshalls and traffic management and referred to the Finance Committee.
- The acts previously booked for the festival be reaffirmed with the exception of 'Mercury' who are unavailable.

148 HEMSWORTH WATER PARK (including the café bar)

a) Review of COVID measures

Resolved that the Perspex screens remain in place but all other restrictions have been lifted in accordance with government guidance, save for common sense social distancing.

b) Entertainment acts - café bar

Resolved that acts be procured for every other Sunday in August with a maximum cost of £200 per act.

c) Memorial garden

Resolved that this item be deferred and that councillors are encouraged to visit the park to enable suggestions for the location of the memorial garden.

d) Review of the lakes

Resolved that:

- A revised quote be obtained for the dredging of the lower lake.
- A quote be obtained for the removal of algae.

e) Request to hold a lantern event

Resolved that the request to hold a lantern event be approved.

f) Seaside event

Resolved that a seaside event be held in late August.

149 BONFIRE NIGHT

Resolved that:

- The traditional bonfire night celebration take place on 5 November 2021.
- An entertainment act be procured for the Lakeside Café Bar.

150 CHRISTMAS 2021

a) Christmas trees

The town clerk reported on the quote from Wakefield Council to provide Christmas trees with lights at the junction of Wakefield Road/Tombridge Crescent in Kinsley and outside Fitzwilliam Community Centre. The town clerk confirmed that the set up costs would mean that a tree could be placed at both locations in future years.

Cllr J Eccles commented that due to there never having been a Christmas tree in Kinsley or Fitzwilliam, she proposed that this be remedied by accepting the quote from Wakefield Council.

Resolved that the quote be accepted and approved.

b) Pantomimes

Resolved that a pantomime be held in Hemsworth Community Centre and Fitzwilliam Community Centre.

c) Brass band concerts

Resolved that a brass band concert be held in Hemsworth Community Centre in the autumn and during the festive season.

151 EVENTS

Resolved that the Christmas light switch on event go ahead this year with details to be confirmed in due course.

152 YOUTH CLUB

Resolved that the youth club will re-start in September at both Hemsworth Community Centre and Fitzwilliam Community Centre.

153 GARAGE

Resolved that the request regarding a garage be declined.

154 SANDYGATE FOOTBALL FACILITY

a) Request to place a storage container

Resolved that the request to place a storage container on site at the specified location be approved.

b) Public 'pay and play'

Resolved that the facility will be open for public 'pay and play' in the summer holidays from 12 noon – 3pm.

c) 3g pitch maintenance

Resolved that the quote from 'Matchfit' be accepted and approved.

155 EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC

Resolved that in view of the confidential nature of business to be transacted, it is advisable, in the public interest, that the public and press be excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

156 HEMSWORTH WATER PARK – ICE CREAM CONCESSION

Resolved that:

- It will be for a period of 12 months commencing on 1 September 2021.
- Only two vans/units will be allowed.
- Slushies are not permitted.
- All other conditions to remain the same as previously.

The meeting closed at 20:15.