

**Leisure & Recreation Committee Meeting
Thursday, 15 August 2024**

Present: Councilors Kendall, V Middleton, Ogunade, Rushmer and the Town Clerk.

Nine members of the public were in attendance.

This meeting was simultaneously livestreamed and recorded via Zoom.

012 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received..

013 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest other than those already declared in members' respective register of interests.

014 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND 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.

015 05 HEMSWORTH WATER PARK (including the café bar)

Manager's report. The town clerk reported the following:

- * Playworld is open and attracting good number of customers.
- * Vehicles at the water park are fully up and running and the hire van will be returned shortly
- * There has been a break in at the water park and several items have been stolen. The matter is being dealt with.

Resolved that the report be noted.

016 COMMUNITY CENTRE

The town clerk reported that since the last leisure & recreation committee meeting, bookings at the community centre had increased and positive feedback had been received from users.

Resolved that the report be noted.

017 SANDYGATE

The town clerk reported that the lease at Sandygate has expired, and an extension had been granted. This matter is currently being discussed with the council's solicitors.

Resolved that the Manager's report be noted.

018 INCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Members of the public and the press to be re-admitted to the meeting following the conclusion of the consideration of business of a confidential nature.

019 LAKESIDE CAFE

This motion was withdrawn by the proposer.

020 FUNFAIR

Resolved to allow a funfair to be held at Hemsworth waterpark.

021 NEW MOWER

Resolved to purchase a new mower for Sandygate football facility.

011 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members of the public raised the following matters:

- Retrospective approval
- The withdrawal of a motion
- The till system
- The soft play
- The friends of Hemsworth waterpark group
- Play world opening times.
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The meeting was closed at 19.35.