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MINUTES OF THE ASSET MANAGEMENT AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING OF EASTLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 25 APRIL 2024 AT 7 PM AT THE CABLEWORKS BUILDING, TINNING WAY, EASTLEIGH

Those Present: Cllr G Richardson, Chair, Cllr E Marks, Cllr P Bicknell, Cllr C Spencer, Cllr S Phillips, Cllr G Johnson & Cllr J Constable.

In Attendance: Mrs R Davies, Town Clerk. Miss N Barfield, Assistant Town Clerk.

29 / 23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

30 / 23 REGISTER OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Johnson declared a non-pecuniary interest as he is a site representative at the Lakeside Allotment.

Cllr Spencer and Cllr Bicknell confirmed their dispensation regarding the Cable Works building.

31 / 23 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the last meeting held on the 12 March 2024 are a true record of the meeting and were duly signed by the Chair.

32 / 23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Six members of the public were present.

A resident made representations regarding the allotment policies, with suggested amendments. The Chair confirmed these would be reviewed by the committee.

A resident made representations regarding derelict land within Newtown area which was of concern to the resident's association and requested assistance from the Town Council in this matter.

33 / 23 ALLOTMENTS

- The committee received and noted the report on the handover process of the allotment management from EBC from the Assistant Town Clerk.

- The committee received and reviewed the comments received from allotment holders regarding the tenancy agreements.

RESOLVED: The committee decided that any present allotment holders who turned 60 before the 01 April 2024 will receive the under 60's discount that EBC previously offered. Proof of ID will be required, and the committee will schedule time to look at an alternative concessions policy for the future.

RESOLVED: The committee decided to remove the size specifications for Polytunnels and Greenhouses in the Allotment Rules but add that it must be a temporary structure that can be removed.

RESOLVED: The committee decided to change the wording of 'rods' to 'square rods' throughout the policy framework.

RESOLVED: The committee decided that the Allotment Working Group are to meet to decide actions to be taken concerning the allotment holders' comments on the TA's and other queries. Until such times, No action will be taken on allotment holders who have not signed their Tenancy agreements.

ACTION: The action was agreed for the Assistant Town Clerk to arrange the working party to meet as soon as reasonably possible.

34 / 23 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

To resolve to exclude of members of the public and press in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 prior to consideration of the following item by reason of the confidential nature (transfer of assets) of the business to be transacted.

RESOLVED: The committee exclude members of the public and press in accordance with the legislation.

35 / 23 TRANSFERS OF ASSETS

Councillors received an update from the Town Clerk, on a proposed building to be transferred from Eastleigh Borough Council.

ACTION: The Town Clerk will create a full business case review showing the practical uses if the council were to take on the building, to include: market research and direct marketing to potential users, residents who are within a short distance of the property and wider through the website.

Councillors discussed the transfer of future assets from EBC.

ACTION: The Town Clerk will work with the existing working group on the strategic plan for the council.

ACTION: The Town Clerk will request a full list of community assets within the town parished area from EBC.

36 / 23 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION TO END

The Press and Public were invited back into the meeting.

37 / 23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To review the date of the next meeting scheduled for the 19 June 2024

The meeting closed at 9:10 pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting:

Chair _____

Date _____