

Sevenoaks Town Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Greatness Recreation Ground Working Group
Held on 26th June 2024 at the Town Council Offices

Meeting Commenced: 2.00 p.m.

Meeting Concluded: 3:00p.m.

Present:

Cllr Claire Shea (Chair)	Present	Cllr Dr Marilyn Canet	Present
Cllr Victoria Granville	Present		
External Stakeholders			
SDC- Animal welfare Officer- Ann-Marie Milton	Apologies	Sevenoaks Football Club- Paul Lansdale (Chair)	
Greatness Residents Association			

Also in Attendance:

Town Clerk, Youth Committee Clerk

51. Apologies for Absence

Received as noted above.

52. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

53. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

54. Minutes of the Greatness Recreational Ground Working Group held on 25th April 2024

RESOLVED: To receive and note the minutes of the Greatness Recreational Working Group held on the 25th of April 2024 as a true record.

55. Greatness Park New Community Pavilion – Update

The Councillors heard that the Pavilion was now out to tender. The football club's consultant was in the process of preparing the funding application to the Football Foundation.

56. Infinity Project Art Installation- Formal Launch

It was noted that the Launch of the Infinity project on Saturday 15th of June had gone well despite rainy weather and is an asset to the open space as it is visible from the entrance encouraging people to walk to it.

57. Play area

The Working group noted that during the last meeting it was suggested that the play area be moved from its current location to a location closer to the new pavilion building. This would allow for a larger carpark as well as providing a play area that is not accessed across a carpark. It was noted that there would still be some visibility of the play area from the road.

The councillors noted that it would be beneficial to get suggestions from residents regarding the moving of the play area.

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RESOLVED: To design a survey to residents regarding the suggestion to move the current play area.

58. Recreation Ground & Dog Use

RESOLVED: To invite Sevenoaks District Council's Animal Welfare Officer to the next meeting of the Greatness Recreational Ground Working Group on Monday 19th of August.

59. Greatness Recreational Ground – Future Topics Update

- **CCTV-** it was noted that Sevenoaks Town Council had CCTV at the site. However, it was now too old to be effective. New CCTV in collaboration with the Football Club to be installed on the existing poles at the site as a deterrent for Anti-social behaviour at the site.
- **Flooding-** it was noted that Sevenoaks District Council have held a meeting with Thames Water regarding flooding in the Northern Ward, the councillors mentioned that storm water runoff from buildings has been going into the sewage system. It was noted that they are looking into ways to prevent this at the planning stages moving forward.
It was noted that Thames Water 'Flood Bus' had also attended the site on the 30th of April and provided information to local residents.
- **Events at park-** it was noted that a discussion would be need moving forward on the status of the recreational ground and whether it should be moved to a park status where events could be held in the future. The councillors noted that if events where to be held at the location, then a Premises License would need to be applied for to cover the site, similar to the Vine.
- **Artwork-** it was noted that more future art installations with cultural ties similar to the infinity project would be of interest to the area. The Councillors noted that an art installation trail could encourage more people to explore the area.
- **Railings at the Cemetery-** It was noted that in the railings between Greatness Cemetery and Greatness Recreational Ground there are gates that are used to allow machinery from the Cemetery on to the Recreational Ground to pass through to allow essential maintenance work to be conducted. It was noted that there have been some complaints that these gates are been locked.
RESOLVED: To arrange for signs to be created, explaining that the gates are designated for maintenance access.

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- **Friends of Greatness Recreational Ground-**

RESOLVED: To promote and try to establish this Friends Group.

60. Dates of Future Meetings

Monday 19th of August 2024- 2pm
Wednesday 16th of October 2024- 2pm
Wednesday 18th December 2024- 2pm
Wednesday 26th February 2025- 2pm
Monday 28th April 2025- 2pm

61. Press Release: To engage people in the creation of a Friends of Group for the Greatness Recreational Ground.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting.

Signed	Dated
	Chair	