

Minutes of Amenities Committee Meeting Held Wednesday 12th July 2023 at 6:30 PM

Those present :

Chairman : Cllr Jo Burns

Councillors : Cllr G Birchall, Cllr P Brougham, Cllr J Desmond, Cllr C Parker

Officers : S Lawrence, A Mc Intyre, R O'hare, K Spofforth, D Stephens

1 **Welcome**

2 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies have been received from Cllr J Sayers, Cllr K Hughes, Cllr P Darlington.

3 **Declarations of Interest**

None declared.

4 **Public Participation.**

None received.

5 **To Confirm the Minutes of the Last Meeting**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting on 23rd November 2022 be approved as a correct record.

6 **Play Equipment**

Derek Stephens Facilities manager informed members in 2022, MTC finished the £107,000 upgrade of children's playground equipment in six of our 15 parks. The upgrade started at KGV, Hall Lane Park and then included Mersey Avenue Park, Moss Park, Ballswood, Moorhey Park and Lathom Park. The equipment installed at these parks included Activity Trails, Carousels, Junior & Toddler Swing Sets, Seating and Benches to name but a few.

Over time MTC parks have broken or decaying play equipment. Therefore, officers have implemented a PPM schedule to ensure that all play equipment is regularly assessed and items that require remedial works are dealt with as quickly as possible. Due to budget restraints, remedial or full replacement works may need to be carried out over a 2-year period. Work order prioritization at MTC is based on the risk, the severity, the likelihood and cost.

RESOLVED that:

1. All members agreed the priority work order for remedial works, the costs to date/future costs and replacement programme;
2. The report be noted.

7 **Green Flag Status**

Derek Stephens Facilities manager informed members the Green Flag Award is the benchmark international standard for publicly accessible parks and green spaces in the United Kingdom and around the world. Achieving this status would enhance the reputation of MTC and demonstrate to the community excellence in park management. This would be a 2 year project.



Cllrs comments:

- Dog foul signs on Park notice boards.
- Idea to spray signs on the floor/path ways.
- Look into costs for dog park/sections.

RESOLVED that:

- 1. All members agreed to review and approve the strategy of the management process in how we can work towards achieving this status;**
- 2. Then report be noted.**

8 Tree Management

Derek Stephens Facilities manager informed members to review the current MTC Tree policy. The policy currently acts as a source of information and reference for residents and officers regarding trees on MTC land and as a framework for any decisions with regard to the management of our trees.

RESOLVED that:

- 1. All members agreed the continuation of MTC tree policy;**
- 2. Then report be noted.**

9 Flooding

Derek Stephens Facilities manager informed members flooding issues at Roundmeade park have now been resolved. Update to residents within the Your MAGhull article.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

Chair's Report

Thanked members for attending.



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