

**Minutes of the meeting of the Estates Committee
held on Tuesday 12 November 2024 at 6.30pm
at the Springfield Centre, Springfield Boulevard, Springfield**

This meeting was open to the public

Members Present

Cllr B Barton	Cllr K Kavarana
Cllr R Golding (Chair)	Cllr D Pafford
Cllr B Greenwood	Cllr M Petchey
Cllr J Hearnshaw	

In Attendance

D Warner, Clerk to Council

54/24

Apologies for Absence

Cllr V Dixon - unwell
Cllr J Howard – personal commitment
Cllr K Kent - unwell

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Declarations of Interest

None

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Members of the Public Present

None

57/24

Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 October 2024

The minutes of the meeting, having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

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Public Involvement – Deputations, Petitions and Questions

None.

59/24

Community Hub, Working Group Update and Recommendations

Committee received an update from the Working Group. Committee also received and considered the following:

- Contractors Report no. 9 (confirming project currently 7 weeks behind schedule – a 4-week extension of time has been granted to the contractor based on extreme weather conditions since the beginning of the construction period)
- Progress Photos
- Updated Project Programme
- Café Operator Expression of Interest process verbal update from the Clerk

60/24 Tree Council Grant Funding

Committee noted that a Tree Council grant of £599 has been awarded towards the cost of tree replanting on Oldbrook Green. The replanting will be completed within the next 6-months.

61/24 Additional Dog Waste Bin Location Suggestions

- i. Further to feedback from the annual resident consultation for additional provision in Springfield, Committee considered and agreed to the officer suggestion that an additional dog waste bin is installed in the vicinity of the Springfield Centre.
- ii. Committee considered a resident suggestion that a dog waste bin be installed in Newlands adjacent to the Grand Union Canal/the Warbler Public House. Subject to further investigation to establish land ownership and gain permission, and the practicality of the waste contractor being able to service a bin, the Committee agreed to the suggestion.

62/24 The Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill, also known as Martyn’s Law

Committee noted that the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill, also known as Martyn’s Law, was included in the King’s Speech on 17 July 2024 as part of the programme of legislation of the current Parliamentary session and introduced to Parliament on 12 September 2024. Committee further noted that a key development of the proposed legislation is that the lower limit for standard tier venues has been increased from 100 to 200 - whilst this development potentially removes the Council from needing to comply with the legislation, Council should be mindful of adopting all best practices to protect the safety of Council venue staff and users – a further update to be made in due course.

63/24 Willen Hospice Tree Chipping

Committee agreed to the request for the landscape team to support the annual Willen Hospice Christmas tree collection and recycling scheme. Support will involve chipping collected trees at the Well in Willen for up to 1 day in the New Year.

64/24 Date of Next Meetings

Tuesday 10 December 2024 at 6.30pm – only to be convened in the event of any urgent business

Tuesday 14 January 2025 at 6.30pm