

THATCHAM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting of the
Recreation and Amenities Committee
held on Monday 8th December 2025 at 19:00hrs
in the Council Chamber, Brownsfield Road, Thatcham

Present: Councillor Dave Lunn (Vice Chairman)
 Councillors Mark Lillycrop, Ben Schiffer-Harte, Owen Jeffery & Mike Cole

In attendance: James Pye (Place Manager)

RA/2025/54 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
 An apology for absence was received from Councillors Suzanne Adamantos and John Boyd.

RA/2025/55 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
 No declarations of interest were received.

RA/2025/56 MINUTES
RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd September 2025, having been previously circulated, be taken as read, confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

RA/2025/57 INCOME / EXPENDITURE COSTS.
 Committee reviewed and noted income and expenditure for this Committee's budgets for the financial year to date. Councillor Jeffery raised an enquiry for Cemetery cost centre and specifically 1053-donations received code. **Place Manager to investigate and report back to Committee.**

RA/2025/58 APPROVED WORKS PROGRESS REPORT
RESOLVED Committee noted a progress report on previously approved works and to reduce the report to include progress from April 2024 onwards only. Councillor Cole enquired about progress of Kennet Heath ditching which surrounds the Play Park. Councillor Cole also raised concern with the Play Park surfacing, and the need to replace the whole surface in near future. **Facilities Manager to compile a report on all options for resurfacing.**

RA/2025/59 6-MONTH PERFORMANCE REVIEW- SCOFELL
 Committee considered a six-month performance review on Scofell, as previously requested, presented by the Place Manager.

RESOLVED

RA/2025/60 SIEGECROSS OPEN SPACE – PUMP TRACK UPDATE
 Committee considered an update from the Place Manager regarding potential introduction of a Pump Track at Siegecross. One feasibility study has been returned with potential costs up to £150k. Awaiting response from other contractors. Committee agreed to the principle of a Pump Track facility however would like a report on different ways of funding, planning application. **Place Manager to investigate and report back to Committee.**

RESOLVED

RA/2025/61 BROADWAY TOILETS- NIGHT TOILET UPDATE
 Committee considered an update from the Place Manager regarding recent improvements to the night toilet at the Broadway Toilets.

RESOLVED

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RA/2025/62 TOWN CENTRE MAP
 Committee considered a report and quote from the Community Engagement Officer to create new up-to-date town centre maps. Committee agreed that a 'concept' design of the maps would be ideal if contractor can provide. Councillor Lillycrop suggested this could be presented to the Community Engagement Working Group rather than waiting for the next R&A Committee Meeting. **Place Manager to inform Community Engagement Officer of this action.**

RA/2025/63 COMMISSIONING OF CARBON FOOTPRINT APPRAISAL
 Committee considered a report and quote for a Carbon Footprint Appraisal requested by the Environmental Working Group. Committee feel that we need another couple of quotes to compare and decide further. **Place Manager to inform Deputy Town Clerk.**

RA/2025/64 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC
 Chairman declared that items 12 and 13, with commercially sensitive nature of business, to withdraw the press and public. Meeting recording stopped.

RESOLVED

RA/2025/65 CCTVE SYSTEM UPGRADE
 Committee considered a report and quote from Facilities Manager to upgrade our CCTV system. Committee agreed with the principle but as the request is unbudgeted expenditure, agreed to add to the Budget Review Meeting to discuss later in the week.

RESOLVED

RA/2025/66 WEST BERKSHIRE THERAPY CENTRE PRESENTATION
 Committee considered a presentation from West Berkshire Therapy Centre and agreed that Place Manager to send the presentation to the whole Committee to review further and comment later.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:28hrs.

Signed: _____

Date: _____