



Managers' Report – March 2021

To review the proposed lease for the booster station on top of The Radlett Centre (see minute 191)

Resolved that the PCM seeks advice from the Council solicitors on these points and reports back at the next meeting. – see agenda.

To receive an update on the Allotment Drive reinstatement project (see minute 196)

Resolved that the PCM asks the project manager to prepare plans for submission to HertsmereBC which include the drainage option but replaces the fencing as shown on the map with hedging where overlooking of neighbours may be an issue. – see agenda.

Meeting to be arranged with neighbours to discuss plans before submission. – **completed.**

Re: Transfer from Barclays to Unity Trust Bank

- a) *That APC open an account with Unity Bank PLC with the signatories being any two members of the F&GP Committee.*
- b) *That the PCM and Assistant Manager are authorised to view the account on line as well as set up payments, but not to authorise them.*
- c) *That APC invest £100,000 in a one-year bond with United Trust Bank, signatures being any two of Cllrs M Cherry, J Lefton & E Samuelson, with the PCM being able to receive correspondence and view any documentation. -- **completed.***

Re: Executive Action – To employ a planning consultant to help with drafting a response to HertsmereBC regarding planning application number 21/0050/FULEI from the professional fees budget (admin).

- a) *To endorse the executive action taken by the PCM and Chairman and allocate a budget of £3,000 from admin – professional fees for employment of David Lane Assoc. – **completed.***

Re: Staff review.

- b) *That APC adopt items (i), (ii), (iii as amended) (iv), (v) and (vi), which, as they affect specific staff members will not be recorded. – **completed.***

To set and inform Hertsmere Borough Council of the Council's precept demand for 2021/22. (see minute 216)

*That the PCM informs HertsmereBC that the APC precept demand for 2021/22 will be £636,934. –**completed.***

To decide on the format of the Annual Parish meeting (see minute 217)

*That the annual reports are collated from each committee and made initially available on the APC website and then incorporated into the next edition of 'Around Radlett'. – **Draft reports circulated awaiting comments from councillors.***



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To declare a casual vacancy for the Aldenham West ward (see minute 218)

*That APC declare a casual vacancy for the Aldenham West Ward which it will advertise and look to fill at the next meeting in March. – **completed – see agenda.***

Re: — Allotment Policy

- (i) *To amend the allotment policy to allow the planting of dwarf root stock fruit trees on 25% of the plot. Trees should be positioned so that they do not encroach on neighbouring plots. Allotment tenants are to be requested to send details of any trees to be planted to the Open Spaces Officer.*
- (ii) *To amend the allotment procedure when a plot is vacated. They will now be tidied and trimmed by the Open Spaces Team and the new tenant will be asked if they would like to retain the trees (if any) on the plot.*
- (ii) *To adopt the Allotment Code of Conduct.*

Re: Proposed extension to Radlett Bowls Club pavilion

*That the request be approved in principle, subject to amendments to the lease incorporating separate meters for the utilities which Radlett Bowls Club would pay direct to the companies and an increase in rent to reflect the increase in insurance charges made for the extra buildings. – **Radlett Bowls Club advised.***

To consider candidates for co-option to the council for the Aldenham East casual vacancy (see minute 222)

That each candidate presents their reasons for applying to join APC in a closed session, but that the Council do not make a decision until March.

To receive an update from the Phillimore Rec Improvement Project and formally appoint new architects (see minute 225)

- a) *That Initiatives in Design (IID) are appointed as architects for the Phillimore Rec Improvements Project (replacing Milligan Knight).*
- b) *That the budget is amended to show the increase in fees for IID from £10,000 up to RIBA 3 stage to £11,370, which will be paid in four instalments depending on progress of the project. – **Both completed.***

Staffing information -- There has been 0 day's sickness since the last meeting.

Agenda item 8 – To consider implementing a 'Green' agenda for the Council

The response to the recent solar farm application has prompted many to consider whether APC as a leading part of its community should reflect a green agenda in its activities as well as its partner organisations. Many other tiers of local government have declared a 'climate emergency' and prepared action plans regarding achieving a net carbon use by 20?. APC have already taken some steps but this should be reflected through either a corporate responsibility policy which incorporates all of its activities, or a climate emergency policy which is wider and seeks to influence local thinking even in areas not within APC control. Members are asked to discuss this matter and a suggested resolution is set out below.



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“This Council acknowledges the scientific consensus on the effects of anthropogenic climate change and recognises APC’s role in mitigating the impact of the impending climate disaster. This Council hereby declares a climate emergency in recognition of the catastrophic effect of changing weather. That the council will ask the F&GP Committee to draw up policies that commit the council to achieving net-zero carbon emissions in all its operations as soon as reasonably possible and no later than 2050. This commitment to reducing carbon emissions will be reflected in all future tenders and will engage with its supply chain to reduce the carbon emissions from its operations.

This Council recognises the irreversible damage already caused to global climate systems and the significant threat this poses to the parish of Aldenhams. APC will explore innovative methods of reducing its carbon footprint and encourage the same when considering matters with partner organisations and local clubs/societies.

This council also asks that the F&GP Committee also consult on a ‘Corporate Responsibility Policy’

The council asks that such policies are submitted for approval no later than 31st July 2021.

Agenda item 13 -- To receive an update from the RNP Steering Group and agree a strategy for the referendum in May.

The RNP steering group have met on two occasions in the last month, as well as various correspondence between each other. They are keen to get public awareness of the referendum on the Radlett Neighbourhood Plan on May 6th 2021. A simple majority vote will be enough to ensure that the RNP becomes statutory planning guidance for Radlett.

The RNP steering group have decided to produce a leaflet which will highlight the benefits of the plan, as well as two banners which will include asking residents of Radlett to vote positively for the plan. The rules of the referendum state that APC cannot fund such a campaign, so the group have obtained funding elsewhere.

What APC can do is to raise awareness of the referendum and the benefits that it could bring if it is adopted by HertsmereBC. An example would be the increased CiL funding proportion from 15 to 25% which if this had been in place during 2020/21 APC would have received an increased amount of £65,000, quite a difference.

APC have allocated £1,000 towards the RNP perhaps it could consider

- Running a countdown through social media to the referendum
- Asking RCT if the referendum could be included on the screen outside the Radlett Centre.
- Posters in noticeboards

Members are asked to consider ideas.