



Rugeley Town Council

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of Rugeley Town Council held at the Rugeley Town Council Offices, Taylor's Lane, Rugeley, at 7.00pm Wednesday 4 December 2019.

PRESENT:

Councillors:

Mrs A Cooney	R Dipple (Chair)
R Elkin	D Gaye
G Grant	C Green
I Hodgson	R Hughes (part)
Ms O Lyons (part)	Ms N Mahon
Ms A Szklarczyk	K Tait-Green

Also Present:

H Goodreid (Town Clerk)
C Donnelly (CCDC)
J Middleton

Min No	Item	Action
1 1.1	Apologies Apologies were received from Cllrs P Ansell, D Lucas, C Martin, C Panter-Hood, Stanley and Turner.	
2 2.1	Declaration of Personal and Prejudicial Interests None were declared	
3 3.1	To receive any requests for dispensation It was agreed that Cllr Grant could remain seated whilst speaking on medical grounds.	
4 4.1	Green Lane Play Area The Town Clerk explained that further to the original idea of improving the Green Lane Play Area, a tender document had gone out (via Staffs County Council and CCDC) to contractors, to seek tenders for possible work. Two tenders had been received and these were to be presented to Cllrs this evening. Funding to pay for any work would come from Tesco Grant (approved); (Community Infrastructure Levy (yet to be approved) and Council funds (yet to be approved). The ongoing maintenance cost of the site would remain with CCDC who owned the site. The approval to develop the site would be going to the Full Council meeting on 8 th January 2020.	
5 5.1	Wicksteed Presentation The firm presented a comprehensive and clear bid. During the presentation and the following Q and A's, the following points were made: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted that the footprint of the play area would need to be extended by 2 metres • Removal of all existing equipment – possible reuse of some of the equipment in other play areas eg Elmore Park • Rodeo board would be provided by CCDC 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Younger users were to the front of the area with older users to the rear to allow for open sight lines for carers and users. • The springy unit had a back rest to support users • Basket swing, cradle swing and flat seats would be used with a 'no wrap' facility to reduce vandalism • Roundabout allowed for carer and wheelchair user as well as all other users • Multi use unit had ramp to ease access and one wide slide with climbing walls and firemans poles • Flooring would be overlaid with wet pour recycled covering • Fencing will be retained with new fencing to extension design to match. • New seat and bin would be provided within the perimeter • Steel structure had guarantee of 25 years; post sale care had 1 year guarantee on installation • They would advise on local sites to visit to examine their work • Anticipated 3 weeks installation plus 8 weeks manufacturing 	
<p>6 6.1</p>	<p>Kompan The firm presented a comprehensive and clear bid. During the presentation and the following Q and A's, the following points were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted that the footprint of the play area would need to be extended 3 – 4 metres towards Green Lane • Fencing would be retained with new fencing designed to match existing • Current swings would be retained • Open plan theme with something for everyone • Wet pour on top of existing floor covering • Nothing is a single use item – all units explore and develop play on own and with others and for all abilities • New bench and bin provided within the boundary of the site • Basket swing would be added which would plastic rather than rope for easier use and more durability • Rodeo board would be provided by CCDC • Double springer had side rails and hand holds with two seats • Supernova unit allowed for varied use • Multi play unit had ladder access and two slides – it offered no ramp access but this could be considered • Two slides off the multi play unit to allow for different age ranges and abilities • Some area of adaptability to the design • Offered 4 pieces of new equipment and recycled swings • Gave examples of nearby parks they have developed • Warranty varied but max seemed to be 10 years. 	
<p>7 7.1</p>	<p>Conclusion Both companies offered something new on the site with an element of flexibility which would allow for public consultation input. Cllrs concluded that the proposal from Wicksteed seemed to be more of what was being looked for in the project. It was proposed that, should the funding be agreed in January 2020, Wicksteed be engaged to develop the site. <i>Proposed; Cllr Niamh Mahon; Seconded; Cllr Olivia Lyons</i> It was agreed that Wicksteed be approached to potentially develop Green Lane play area should the funding become available in January 2020.</p>	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed:

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