

Report Purpose:

To update members on leisure and outdoor activity projects

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7.1 Parks and Play Areas

Windmill Park:

Clark and Kent completed the community consultation on Nov 18th, which was extremely well attended and very positive. The work was completed a short time later and the track has been a great success with many local people using it.

South Park

The trim trail equipment has been chosen and ordered by ANSA and will be delivered by April, ready for Installation.

Ash Grove Park

A tree house/ climbing frame and a zip wire have been ordered for Ash Grove park. Planting and seating are also planned.

7.2 South Park Pavilion

The public consultation went live on 22nd Jan 2024 and was open for 1 month.

It was circulated around the town in many ways:

- Front page of Town Council website.
- Posters up in and around South Park
- Posters up in and around wards across town, e.g Grosvenor Centre, Town Hall notice boards.
- Communicated to Park Run users via the briefing, and by sharing it on the Park Run social media
- Communicated to Park Fit users at the start of sessions and by sharing on Matt Rigbys social channels
- Town Council social media channels
- Shared to all ward social media channels, plus What's going on in Macclesfield, Macc Chat etc
- Leaflets given out at the Lunar New Year event in Macclesfield which was attended by approx. 2000
- Deputy Mayor of Macclesfield was interviewed on Silk FM
- Advert in Macc Express two weeks in a row
- Paper copies available for posting out and in the town hall.
- Sent to contacts at AZ ,Macc Hospital and many local businesses to circulate to staff.

A full report will be on Full Council with the results of the consultation and statistics of engagement.

7.3 Playing Out

Towards the end of 2023, an email was sent to local schools, groups and charities asking them to express their interest in being part of launching Playing Out in their area. No response was received. A reminder was sent out. It requires a level of commitment as volunteers must be trained in staffing road closures. St Paul's Church have said they are interested in being involved but so far have been unable to commit to a meeting. We will keep pursuing this.

7.4 Allotments

A report is attached to review the allotment admin charges.

ACTION – To consider the review of the allotment admin charges.

Knowsley Road:

We are currently trialling combination padlocks on this site as an alternative to using keys. The key padlocks were very old and not fit for purpose. The rangers have done a lot of work on the fencing and pathways of this site.

Springfield Road:

No update

Park Grove:

No update

Laburnum Road:

This site is self-managed. There is currently an issue with poor drainage on the site. It has occurred suddenly. The rangers have inspected the site and suspect the issue comes from the canal. The canal and river trust have been contacted to ask them to visit site to inspect.

7.5 Street sports

Following a conversation with the street sports providers and also Councillors, the decision was made last year to continue with the most popular session (Hurdsfield) on a Wednesday and pause the other sessions throughout the winter due to lower attendance figures.

A street sports quote brief was put out so we can look at how the 2024/2025 provision will be delivered.

Two responses were received. These have been circulated to the committee.

ACTION – To decide whether to go with Option 1 or Option 2. The chosen provider will commence in April 2024 when permissions have been received by CEC. These will be applied for when the chosen provider has been appointed and days of the week/times have been confirmed for the sessions.

7.6 Park Fit

Numbers in the sports hall continue to average around 18, with a continued core group include some ROAR users who are extremely appreciative of the work the Town Council and Matt do.

The usual activity is a range of bodyweight workouts that differ every week, some sessions include a bit of jogging/running and Matt has been bringing some of his own personal equipment to All Hallows to enable circuit style sessions.

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