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Meeting between SPC and the PFMC

Monday 24th January 2022

To discuss the refurbishment of the play area.

PFMC: Dan Pryce, Damian Lavington

SPC: Peter Powell, Kirsty Webber, Helen Davies

A number of points were raised about the general principle of revamping this area.

- **The PFMC wished to discuss public liability for the fenced-off area. Suggestions were PFMC grant SPC a licence to occupy and SPC then get their own insurance, or it falls under the PFMC umbrella with a contribution to the insurance cost from SPC.**

The options were discussed, and it appears that currently the area is not covered, SPC are unable to ensure the equipment as they do not hold a licence to occupy. DL to investigate cost. KW to forward the latest inspection report.

DL asked which option was preferred as HD stated that would depend on the long-term solution for this and would have to be put to full council for a final decision. DL to look at providing us a licence to occupy.

- **Grant applications - the PFMC would not want these to prejudice their own applications, which will be required for revamp of the Clubhouse, given that potential grant awarding bodies are unlikely to provide for both. It would be good to agree up front which potential applications are ring-fenced for which project. To that end, it would also be good to get SPC's support for the Clubhouse project, so that SPC and the PFMC can jointly publicise all the planned improvements to the community as they happen.**

The options were discussed, and DL and DP advised there are concerns that if they apply for grants for the upgrade of the play area, they will be unable to apply for grants for the intended upgrade of the clubhouse. HD suggested compiling a list of possible funders and to investigate how much money is available. SPC advised that we potentially have money from S106 open space project and CIL money. DL advised of an open space team that he believed had funding, however this was some time ago. DL advised he will try to find the contact for us in this team.

- **Does SPC have a rough estimation of time/work commitments that may be required of the PFMC (e.g. how many grants will the PFMC need to apply**



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for?) HD advised that KW is happy to complete the grant applications and pass over to PFMC for them to sign.

- **We would like to agree the inspection and maintenance regime and costs, for both the new equipment and existing, such that something can be confirmed in writing for future generations. Also, there were two specific comments about any of the designs:-**
 - **No bins included in the designs, but these will be required if extra footfall is generated and there are picnic tables. Will BDC be willing to empty extra bins?** KW advised that SPC pay for the existing playground bins to be emptied. KW would contact BDC to advise a new bin would be installed, and therefore would need emptying, BDC would add the charge to yearly bill to SPC.
 - **The revamp is likely to attract more visitors with the attendant increase in car parking required - this could add further pressure at busy times such as football or bowls club matches. Ideas or solutions?** SPC agreed but mentioned that this will be difficult to predict, so suggested that we keep an eye on this and see what happens.

It was agreed that SPC would try to obtain grants in their name first, or if needed complete the application forms for the PFMC which would be signed by themselves.

HD to send FB screen shot of incident which occurred on the play equipment.