

Wednesday 23rd November 2022

The Trinity Centre

12:30pm

Present

Cllrs Briggs, Cooper, Griffin, Hatton and Wood

In Attendance

Olive O'Sullivan—Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Mary Watkins-Finance Manager and John Beggan from Felton Consult.

There were no members of the public or press present.

1 Election of Chairman

The CEO asked for nominations from Committee members.

Resolved that Cllr Wood be elected as Chairman of the Allotments Sub-Committee.

2 Election of Deputy Chairman

The Chairman asked for nominations from Committee members.

Resolved that Cllr Cooper be elected as Deputy Chairman of the Allotments Sub-Committee.

3 Apologies for Absence

The CEO had received apologies from Cllr K Ward.

Resolved to accept the apologies.

4 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Wood declared a non-pecuniary interest as a plot holder at The Boulevard allotments.

5 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Resolved to exclude members of the public and press during discussion of agenda item 11 under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s3.

6 Minutes of the Meeting 6th April 2022

Resolved that the minutes of the Allotments Sub-Committee meeting held on 6th April 2022 be signed as a true record.

7 Matters Arising

No matters arising were reported.

8 Questions from Members

No questions from members were submitted.

9 Minutes of Sutton Coldfield Allotments Consultative Forum held on 2nd July 2022

Resolved to note the minutes from the Sutton Coldfield Allotments Consultative Forum held on 2nd July 2022.

10 Legal Transfer of the Sutton Coldfield Allotments from Birmingham City Council

The CEO reported that at the Leaders meeting this week, Birmingham City Council's (BCC) leader, Cllr Ian Ward, advised that the City Solicitor has suggested that the transfer of allotment sites would be completed by the end of December. The CEO confirmed that the Town Council's solicitors thought it was unachievable for all sites to transfer by the end of the year but that the transfer of Forge Farm Allotment was almost ready for completion as Forge Farm Allotments is the only site registered with the Land Registry, making it easier to transfer. Solicitors are still awaiting information from BCC in relation to Tenancy Agreements as these need to be dealt with simultaneously with the transfer of each Allotment site.

The CEO confirmed that the Memorandum of Understanding that had been requested to enable the Town Council to take over management of the Allotment sites, while awaiting legal transfer, had not yet been received and she would chase with BCC.

11 Exclusion of the Press and Public

a) Sutton Coldfield Capital Investment Report.

John Beggan of Felton Consult presented the Sutton Coldfield Capital Investment Report and answered questions from members.

The meeting ended at 1:40pm.