



**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC LAND AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**HELD ON TUESDAY 10 DECEMBER 2019 AT 7.00 PM**  
**AT BIGGLESWADE TOWN COUNCIL, SAFFRON ROAD, BIGGLESWADE**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr K Brown  
Cllr L Fage  
Cllr F Foster (Chairman)  
Cllr M Foster  
Cllr M Knight  
Cllr M North  
Cllr C Thomas

Mr M Thorn, BTC Deputy Town Clerk  
Mr B Catchpole, BTC Works Manager  
Mrs J Durn, BTC Meeting Administrator  
Members of public – 2 members of the public

**10/12/01      1.    APOLOGIES**

Cllr R Pullinger, Cllr D Strachan

**ABSENT:**

Cllr M Russell

**10/12/02      2.    DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

- 10/12/02.1    a.    Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in any agenda item – None  
10/12/02.2    b.    Non-pecuniary interests in any agenda item – None

**10/12/03      3.    PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

To adjourn for a period of up to 15 minutes to allow members of the public to put questions or to address the Council, through the Chairman, pertaining to matters listed on the Agenda.

**10/12/04      4.    INVITED SPEAKER**  
**Steve Elliott, Customer Relations Manager for the Great Outdoor Gym Company:**

Mr Elliott from TGOGC (The Great Outdoor Gym Company) gave a presentation covering the concept of their “Green Energy” outdoor gyms and the packages and apps available for the “smart” gym and the “Activate” App.

The following points were noted from the presentation:

- The products are safe, “smart”, sustainable, strong and robust, and are the first “Green Energy” gym, with a 25-year warranty on structural steel and no crush or entrapment points, shear points or sharp edges.

- The Gyms generate human powered energy to charge mobile devices, light up the gym and tie back into the grid.
- A tree is planted for every piece of equipment installed in the UK.
- The outdoor energy gym was created for communities - with everyone in mind. The design incorporates inclusivity featuring key elements of the IFI standards, such as large fonts on signage, wider seats, transfer handles, coloured interactive parts, and easily read instruction diagrams.
- The Company was part of the Climate Change Conference in Paris in 2015 and has been commissioned by the United Nations to install an energy gym in Marrakech.
- The “smart” gym and the “Activate” App were developed in 2017 and enable users to log and track workouts.

Standing Orders were removed to allow for a ‘question and answer’ session where questions were invited.

The Chairman and Council Members thanked Mr Elliott for his very interesting and informative presentation. Mr Elliott left the meeting at 7.25pm.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

**10/12/05**      **5. MINUTES OF MEETING FROM THE PLOS MEETING HELD ON 17 SEPTEMBER 2019:**

10/12/04.1      **a.** Members received and approved the Minutes of the Public Lands and Open Spaces Committee Meeting (PLOS) held on 17 September 2019.

**10/12/05**      **6. MATTERS ARISING**

Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Public Lands and Open Spaces (PLOS) meeting held on 17 September 2019.

Cllr M Knight: **Item 17/09/06/2, b: Pitch Improvement Plan:** Requested an update on the pitch improvement assessment plan.

This item is covered in the Works Manager’s Report, Item 8b on the Agenda.

Cllr M North: **Item 17/09/07, e: Town Entrance Signs:** Requested an update on the town signage review.

There is no further progress to report. The Town Clerk will be pleased to receive any feedback/ideas from Members in order to take this forward.

**10/12/06**      **7. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

10/12/06.1      **a. Request for Budget Virement for the hire of a Soil Sorter**

Members were asked to consider a request for a virement of £1,316 from the Budget to enable the hire of a soil sorter. This piece of equipment will sort the soil and make it re-usable for allotment holders and the Council. An overview giving the exact use of the Portable Compact Ultra Deck Soil Sieve, and plans for moving a storing the soil, is attached to the Agenda.

It was **RECOMMENDED** to arrange for a virement of £1,316 from budget 4136/902 (Renewals and Replacements) to budget 4041/902 (equipment hire).

10/12/06.2      b.    **Request to use Portable Flood Lights at Eagle Farm Road Recreation Ground**

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It was **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal to allow BUFC to use portable floodlights for football training at Eagle Farm Road Recreation Ground on a 3-month trial.

**10/12/07      8.    ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

10/12/07.1      a.    **Biggleswade Town Council Plan Areas and Recreation Facilities**

A list of the Town Council owned, and managed recreation facilities is attached to the Agenda for information and is published on the Town Council's website.

This information was **NOTED**.

**10/12/08      9.    PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

To adjourn for a period of up to 15 minutes to allow members of the public to put questions or to address the Council, through the Chairman, in respect of any other business of the Town Council.

There were no public comments.

**10/12/09      10. EXEMPT ITEMS**

There were no exempt items.

Date of next Meeting: 17 March 2020

Recommendations and Resolutions of the PLOS Meeting held on 10 December 2019

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