
Ernest Stevens Trust Management Committee – Monday 3rd April, 2023

Report of the Head of Neighbourhood Services

Eco Event at Stevens Park- Quarry Bank

Purpose

1. To inform the Management Committee of proposals to hold a Community 'Eco Event' at Stevens Park, Quarry Bank on Sunday 23rd July 2023. The event is being organised by the Wild Earth Movement.

Recommendations

2. It is recommended that:-
 - The Ernest Stevens Trust Management Committee note the content of the report and inform Officers of any reasons as to why the event should not take place.

Background

3. Stevens Park, Quarry Bank benefitted from a National Heritage Lottery Fund and Council funded restoration project, of which a condition was to appoint a Community Development Officer to run a series of activities and events to engage the local community and increase the use of the park. As part of the condition, an activity plan was drawn up that set out a wide range of themed events, including history and heritage, sports and fitness, arts, crafts, nature and the environment.

4. The Council have been approached by the Wild Earth Movement, who are requesting permission to run an event at Stevens Park, Quarry Bank. Whilst the event would be the responsibility of Wild Earth Movement, the Council's Community Development Officer would support and facilitate the event where necessary to ensure that all standard Council event procedures are adhered to.
5. The event is intended to be a community fun day and would be in line with the Council's standard procedures and safeguards. In addition, Officers would ensure that all aspects of the event adhere to the Covenant and Deed of Gift relating to the Ernest Stevens Trust.
6. It is proposed that the event involves a range of activities in line with the overall activity plan for the park, in particular arts and crafts, nature and the environment. There will also be market stalls, live music, performances, and educational and interactive talks. The proposed range of entertainment at the event means that a wide audience would be reached.
7. Organisations such as the Wildlife Trust, the RSPB, Canal and River Trust, as well as local Scouts and Brownies will be invited to deliver some of the activities. Groups already involved with the park would be invited to take part, including the Friends of the Park, The Emily Jordan Foundation Projects and the Craft Club.
8. It is intended that the event would support small businesses, particularly those local to Quarry Bank.

Finance

9. The event will be funded by a grant from the Community Fund/Forum. The stall holders and food vendors will pay a fee to trade at the event, with those fees contributing to the funding of the event. The event will be free to the public and none profit making.

Law

10. Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 provides Councils with the general power of competence to do anything that individuals generally may do, subject to Sections 2 to 4, and Section 105, 117-123 of the Charities Act 2011 gives power to authorise dealings with charity property (as amended by the Charities Act 2022).

Risk Management

- A comprehensive events application will be completed and
11. submitted to CAPA by the lead organizer, Wild Earth Movement ,at the appropriate time. The event will follow CAPA's standard events procedure as directed and CAPA will consult the Safety Advisory Group(SAG) if necessary.

Equality Impact

12. None.

Human Resources/Organisational Development

13. None.

Commercial/Procurement

14. None

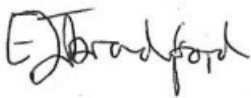
Environment/Climate Change

15. This event aims to promote sustainability and environmental awareness. It is intended that the activities provided will focus on the environment, including seed sowing, forest school, upcycling and repurposing household items. A 'no single use' plastic policy is proposed for the event.

Council Priorities & Projects

16. This event will assist in improving the quality of green spaces & meeting environmental targets as described above.

Developing Green Space: Providing a framework of good quality and accessible community space, parks & nature reserves with interconnecting green networks.



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