

Prudhoe Town Council offer – Waterworld Play Area

Dear Nigel and all

I have just come out of the meeting and can pass on that the Council agreed 'in principle' to take on the management responsibility of Waterworld Play Area, from April 2020, and work with NCC Strategic Estates to this aim, with the following conditions agreed in return;

- 1) NCC increase their capital contribution towards the scheme from £65k to a minimum of £100k as we believe a higher sum is required to procure a decent play area for this location.
- 2) That the lease agreement is set for the life of the play area which is expected to be 10 years.
- 3) That the Council continue to be involved in the design and procurement of the play area.

The Council did also consider making a capital contribution but declined to agree any amount in view that the longer-term management and maintenance costs will fall to the Prudhoe tax-payer and that we anticipate increased budget commitments in our other play areas in the next financial year.

If the above is agreeable I presume that Geoff can proceed with plans for consultation, however, if there are any issues, please come back to me at the earliest opportunity. Our next meeting will be held on 30th October; therefore, any further considerations would need to come to that.

Kind regards, Sarah Eden
Town Clerk