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18<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Cllr Michael Bennett-Sylvester  
Elected Member

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Dear Cllr Bennett-Sylvester

**Question to Council – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

Thank you for the question you submitted to Council on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024. I have set out the question and my response below.

***In July a meeting was held with the cabinet member and local members over the latest cuts to the Thrybergh Country Park development. When can we expect to see the notes from that meeting?***

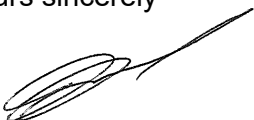
I can advise that this meeting was an informal briefing for ward councillors and, as such, it was not a formal minuted meeting. The meeting was to brief ward councillors on the changes to proposals to the cafe at Thrybergh to ensure that significant improvements could be delivered, and viable, within the budget that is available.

Other issues discussed were:

- Future investment in paths and play area and how this would enhance the park
- A desire by Councillors to create accessible routes to neighbouring communities and make the park wholly accessible for all
- Possible use of existing building by Silverwood heritage group to be explored
- Councillors expressed interest in exploring opportunities to generate revenue through use of the lake
- How we might improve staff welfare conditions on site

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely



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