



# Leigh-on-Sea Town Council

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16<sup>th</sup> February 2012

Notice is hereby given that the next meeting of the **Strategy and Town Plan Sub-Committee** of the Leigh-on-Sea Town Council will take place on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2012 at 7.30 pm** at the Town Council office 67 Elm Road, Leigh-on-Sea, when it is hoped to transact the following business.

## AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
3. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2011
4. COMMUNITY CENTRE WORKING PARTY – 5<sup>TH</sup> January 2012 – Report 1994/LCCWP (Appendix 1)
5. COMMUNITY CENTRE WORKING PARTY – 2<sup>ND</sup> February 2012 – Report 2008/LCCWP (Appendix 2) **Recommendation** in Minute 10.

It is **RECOMMENDED** that, subject to a satisfactory assessment of the financial implications and through whatever vehicle is deemed appropriate and with the support of other groups, the Town Council's preferred option is to undertake the management of the Community Centre building and services.

6. CONSULTATION STRATEGY (LEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE)
7. APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO THE COMMUNITY CENTRE WP
8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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**Any member who is unable to attend the meeting should give their apologies in advance of the meeting.**



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Report 1994/LCCWP

## COMMUNITY CENTRE WORKING PARTY 5<sup>th</sup> January 2012

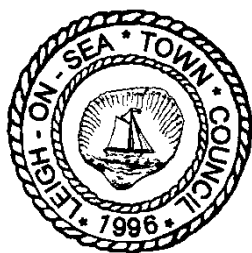
Present: Cllrs Richard Herbert (Convenor), Mark Bromfield, Jerry Holden, Pat Holden, Paul Lawrence, Carole Mulroney, Caroline Parker (from min 2), Patsy Ryan (from min 2), David Stanley and Mr John Gayner.

In Attendance: Cllrs Alex Coulson, Mike Dolby and Donald Fraser, Paul Beckerson (Town Clerk)

### *The meeting opened at 7.30pm*

1. ELECTION OF CONVENOR  
Cllr Richard Herbert was elected Convenor.
2. GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE WAY FORWARD  
Members discussed in some detail the options available and how best to deal with the work required. It was agreed that there were three aspects, discussions with SBC and what might be on offer, the creation of a business plan to inform the discussions and consultation with the public.
3. APPOINTMENT OF LIAISON TEAM  
Cllrs Richard Herbert and Carole Mulroney were appointed to undertake discussions with Southend Borough Council and others if appropriate about the Community Centre.
4. BUSINESS PLAN DEVELOPMENT  
Cllrs Jerry Holden (Lead Member), Mark Bromfield, Carole Mulroney, Patsy Ryan, David Stanley with the assistance of John Gayner would work on the business plan. This activity would be carried out in tandem with the work of the Liaison Team.
5. FORMULATION OF CONSULTATION QUESTIONS  
Cllrs Patsy Ryan (Lead Member) Carole Mulroney, Pat Holden and Caroline Parker and would undertake to formulate the consultation questions which would be contingent on the forgoing items.

### *The meeting closed at 8.51pm*



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Report 2008/LCCWP

## COMMUNITY CENTRE WORKING PARTY 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2012

Present: Cllrs Richard Herbert (Convenor), Jerry Holden, Pat Holden, Paul Lawrence, Carole Mulroney, Patsy Ryan and Mr John Gayner.

In Attendance: Cllr Alex Coulson, Paul Beckerson (Town Clerk)

### *The meeting opened at 7.32pm*

#### 6. CONVENOR OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman outlined the main remit of the WP which was to continue community use in the Leigh Community Centre.

#### 7. SBC BUSINESS AND RATEPAYERS CONSULTATIVE FORUM

Council had resolved that the following question be put to the forum:

What are the Council's intentions in the short, medium and long term for the Leigh Community Centre, both building and site?

Nigel Holdcroft answered as follows –

So far as short and medium term i.e. 3-5 years, the Council is currently looking at options of how to manage the site and will be coming forward with possible options by the end of the academic year. In the long term there are no plans formulated. We acknowledge that this is a large site in the centre of Leigh which will be partly or fully vacant and we will have as wide a debate as possible in the next five years looking at any opportunity for something collectively whether the existing buildings are used or not but there are no set plans. We will be working up a development brief for the area and engaging in a wide debate with all parties such as LTC, residents, businesses etc. Whilst other councillors have suggested there are plans that is not the case - at the moment it is a blank sheet of paper but we do need short and medium term options.

#### 8. LIAISON TEAM REPORT

Cllrs Richard Herbert, Pat Holden, Carole Mulroney and the Town Clerk had attended at meeting at SBC on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February. All agreed the meeting had been a positive start to the process.

The St. Clement's Hall Trust has given positive support to LTC's position. Michael Heath and Roger Pennington have offered assistance or support if required. Richard Baxter and the Art Trail were also in support.

#### 9. DRAFT BUSINESS PLAN

Cllr Jerry Holden presented the Draft Business Plan to the WP as a basis for discussion. This would be revised as further information came to light and form the basis of future budget commitments and consultation. (Confidential Appendix 1 – Contractual)

#### 10. RECOMMENDATION TO STRATEGY & TOWN PLAN SUB-COMMITTEE

It is **RECOMMENDED** that, subject to a satisfactory assessment of the financial implications and through whatever vehicle is deemed appropriate and with the support of other groups, the Town Council's preferred option is to undertake the management of the Community Centre building and services.

***The meeting closed at 9.15pm***