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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LEISURE, FORESHORE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 17th JUNE 2010 AT THE COUNCIL OFFICE, 67 ELM ROAD, LEIGH-ON-SEA

Present Cllrs: Hilary Davison (Chairman), Mrs Elaine Crystall, Peter Dolby, Carole Mulroney Mrs Jean Rowswell, Patsy Ryan and David Vaughan

In Attendance: Cllrs: Donald Fraser, Mike Dolby, Paul Beckerson, Town Clerk, Jan Andrews, Chris, and Paul Lawrence

The meeting opened at 8.00pm

2. CHAIRMANS OPENING REMARKS
Cllr. Hilary Davison welcomed those present.
3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Cllr Mrs Reta Cocks
4. WORKING PARTY MEMBERSHIP
The Committee **AGREED** the addition of Cllr John Wren to the Easter Event WP
5. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 12th MAY 2010
Minutes of the meeting of the 12th May were agreed and signed by the Chairman.
6. TO NOTE THE REPORT (1749/LF&E) OF THE INQUORATE MEETING OF THE 20th MAY 2010
The report was noted and approved by the committee.
7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
 - a. With the approval of the committee item 6 h) Launch Ramp Fees was brought forward to allow a member of the public to speak.

The resident wished to pursue the idea of a discount payment scheme for launching small boats from the Two Tree Island launch ramp. The present fee was £8 per launch with £75 for a season ticket. He suggested that a way of administering this would be to use the permit produced for using the amenity refuge tips as proof of residence.

The committee discussed this at some length; some thinking that the fee was quite reasonable with others suggesting it should be free. In conclusion a proposition was put.

It was **RESOLVED: that there should be no charge for rowing boats, canoes and dinghies up to 15ft on production of a valid tip licence and that representations be made to SBC to put this into effect.**

b. Town Guide for 2011 – 2013

The committee were keen wherever possible to utilise local providers. Swan Design being one such company. The current provider produced the guide on a basis of 50% advertising and 50% editorial; the producer being responsible for collecting the advertising revenue and producing the guide with no cost to the Council. It was suggested that perhaps local companies could produce one on the same basis.

It was **RESOLVED: to approach suitable local companies to give a presentation to the Town Guide Working Party.**

c. Paddling Pool Signage

There were green cone markers at the end of each groin but nothing marking the junction of the paddling pool retaining wall with the west groin. The committee also wished to see a replacement of signage indicating that there was deep water near the vicinity of the east groin marker. The Old Town Community Group had been speaking with Lynn Jones of SBC on this issue.

It was **RESOLVED: to write to SBC requesting an additional warning sign at the junction of the paddling pool retaining wall with the west groyne and a replacement sign near the west groyne marker cone.**

d. Old Town Community Group Minutes

The committee noted the OTCG actions on rubbish under the bridge by the Mayflower and were fully supportive over moves to improve the area.

Cobbles – Cllr Peter Dolby had written to County Councillor Stephen Castle on the possibility of Olympic Funds to support the project. He reported that he had not yet received a reply.

Parking – The issues surrounding parking were recognised and the committee wished to set up a meeting with Cllr Mark Flewitt of SBC to progress these issues.

e. Redecoration of Shelter on Cinder Path

It was: **RESOLVED: to approach the Community Payback Scheme to see if they could assist in its redecoration if LTC provided the paint.**

f. Fishing Festival WP Meetings of the 19th May and 16th June

Cllr Peter Dolby reported on the meetings and that there had been some adjustments to stall holders' positions from last year. Mattocks had agreed to provide filleting fish free of charge. It was confirmed that the current cost of £1893.76 was within the budget of £2000 and he was still hoping to get a grant from the MFA.

g. Leigh Lights WP 20th May – Report 1748/LLWP

Work had been carried out and the orders for lights were ready to be placed. Members considered that it might be a good idea to produce a standard form to distribute to local businesses to enable donation via

standing order or direct debit. It was also suggested than the Leigh Times might be used to promote the scheme.

8. OUTSTANDING ISSUES

- a. Gypsy Bridge Paddling Pool – This needed to be checked to see if the cleaning work has been carried out.
- b. Dredging Leigh Creek – Enquire how far the feasibility studies have progressed and establish if there is any way forward.
- c. Strand Wharf Parking – Members discussed the ongoing legal problems with the lease and differing views as to the raised area's status. The Town Clerk would enquire to find out the latest position.
- d. Environmental Issues – It was agreed to remove this issue.
- e. Paddling Pool Leak – Cllr David Vaughan would enquire whether the work has been carried out.
- f. Leigh Marina – Containers – Members were keen to see a tidy up in this area but agreed this should be by persuasion and diplomacy.
- g. Sea Wall – Ask SBC if there is any possibility of using the Probation Service or Contractors to deal with ruts on the sea wall.
- h. Outdoor Gym Equipment – The committee agreed to investigate funding to progress this project.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm