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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LEISURE, FORESHORE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 15th JULY 2010 AT THE COUNCIL OFFICE, 67 ELM ROAD, LEIGH-ON-SEA

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

In Attendance: Cllr. Donald Fraser, Paul Beckerson (Town Clerk)

The meeting opened at 8.00pm

9. CHAIRMANS OPENING REMARKS

Cllr. Hilary Davison welcomed those present.

10. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Pat Holden

11. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 17th JUNE 2010

Minutes of the meeting of the 17th June 2010 were agreed and signed by the Chairman with the addition of Cllr. Pat Holden to the apologies.

12. MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING 6th JULY 2010

Cllr Donald Fraser reported that the Mystery Tour had been a great success and enjoyed by everyone that took part. Special thanks were recorded to Vivien Choppen for visiting Ingatestone Hall in her own time and expense to prepare for the visit.

The minutes of the Sub-Committee were received and noted.

13. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- a. Fishing Festival Working Party Meeting of the 16th June 2010 – Report 1757/FFWP

It was noted that the grant application to the Marine Management Organisation had been unsuccessful. The Convenor reported that there may be a problem with landing a catch due to all but one now having exceeded their quota for the season; there was however one which was thought not to have reached the limit and this is being pursued as a possibility.

The Report was accepted with thanks to all the work Cllr Peter Dolby and Toni Cordery had put into organising the event.

- b. Farmers Market Working Party Meeting of the 17th June 2010 – Report 1758/FMWP
The 10th Anniversary Celebration had gone well with all attendees enjoying the entertainment that had been put on.

The report was noted.

- c. Event Dates 2011

There would be potential workload problems due to the close proximity of the Easter Event on the 23rd April and the May Day Event 9 days later on the 2nd May. The Committee discussed the pros and cons of this situation, particularly the different locations and the demographic mix of the people attending. Furthermore the fact that the elections would take place on the 5th May with the last meeting of this Council being held on the 13th April. Because of the election period the Annual Town Electors Meeting would have to be held before the election timetable started, this would largely depend if a referendum was held at the same time as the Borough elections; if this was the case the Town Elections would be held on separate day at a latter date.

It was therefore **RECOMMENDED: that both the Easter and May Events should go ahead as usual.**

- d. Old Town Community Group Meeting – Verbal Report of meeting held on the 8th July 2010

Crime and Disorder – A number of issues were alluded to, especially the use of glasses on the highway and public areas.

Litter Bins – There was a shortage of bins, SBC had said that there is no money to provide any, but if a business or the Town Council were to purchase them they would maintain and empty them. It was agreed that this should go as an additional item on next weeks Transport and Highways meeting.

Flag Pole – The committee agreed that the flag should be flown during the summer season and that the Town Clerk should contact Ian Johnson (Scout Master) to arrange this.

14. OUTSTANDING ISSUES

- a. Dredging Leigh Creek – The feasibility study is still being carried out and the main purpose of the works is to relieve erosion pressure on the containment embankments on the north shore of Two Tree Island, created by the gradual migration of the creek southwards. The island contains large quantities of landfill waste, and any breach of the embankments would result in gross pollution of the water environment by this material. It was noted that there was shortly to be a meeting held at the Civic Centre to update partners on progress.
- b. Strand Wharf Parking – The Town Clerk updated members on the latest communication from SBC. The possible resolution of issues delaying the lease may now be nearly concluded.

- c. Town Guide – The Town Clerk reported that Swan Design had declined to produce a guide under the current criteria. Storm Media in London Road had yet to be contacted. A Working Party meeting would be called when more information was to hand.
- d. Paddling Pool Leak – Cllr David Vaughan had checked the pool and that it seemed to holding water, but he would continue to monitor it to see if there was any change.

Cllrs Reta Cocks and Peter Dolby declared an interest in the item 14(e)

- e. Leigh Marina – Containers – Members decided that this issue should be removed as it was unlikely any further action would not render any tangible results.
- f. Sea Wall – It was agreed to take photos of the ruts and contact SBC to see if they will take action as it is their responsibility to deal with such issues.
- g. Outdoor Gym Equipment – Possible avenues of funding for this project were ongoing.
- h. Two Island Boat Charges – It was agreed to add this to outstanding issues.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm