



Leigh-on-Sea Town Council

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Town Clerk: Paul Beckerson



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LEISURE, FORESHORE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 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

Also in attendance: Cllr. Donald Fraser, Jan Andrews and Chris Page (Belfairs High School) and Toni Cordery

The meeting opened at 8.00pm

15. CHAIRMANS OPENING REMARKS

Cllr Hilary Davison congratulated Cllr Peter Dolby on a very successful Fishing Festival in July. She thanked him and everyone who helped for all their hard work.

Chris Page from Belfairs High School invited councillors to attend the Southend Youth Council meeting, when they will be discussing the lighting at the skate park. Details of the meeting to follow.

16. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: Mrs Reta Cocks, Pat Holden, Patsy Ryan and David Vaughan

17. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 15TH JULY 2010

Minutes of the meeting of the 15th July 2010 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

18. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- a) Old Town Community Group, Report 1780/OTCG of meeting of the 8th July 2010 was noted.

It was noted that the council had agreed to finance a bin to go outside Sara's Tea Garden. The next Old Town Community Group meeting will be on Tuesday 21st September.

Cllr Stephen Castle was written to regarding financial assistance from Olympic Funds to help repair the cobbled road in the Old Town but was told there were no funds available.

The committee is asked to consider budgeting for a new flag in next year's budget.

- b) Good for Leigh WP, Report 1771/GFLWP of meeting of the 17th July 2010 was noted.

The convenor of the Good for Leigh WP, Cllr Hilary Davison, advised of a new campaign "Leigh Up Front" that was discussed at a meeting before today's LF&E. There will be a full written report at the next LF&E meeting.

- c) Leigh Lights WP, Report 1782/LLWP of meeting of the 7th September 2010 was noted.

There has been much progression since the Leigh Lights WP. Toni has been busy contacting entertainers and various other participants and we have had numerous participants confirmed already. The Grand Fairground is a big concern, however Fleurets have been contacted and should be contacting their client regarding use of the car park. Miss Southend has been invited, also the Youth Mayor and its Council.

- d) Fishing Festival, Report 1783/FFWP was noted.
DP World is interested in sponsoring the Fishing Festival next year.

It was **RECOMMENDED: that the Fishing Festival is held again next year on Sunday 31st July, 2011 between 11 am and 4 pm**

19. OUTSTANDING ISSUES

- a. Gypsy Bridge Paddling pool – The pool is still in need of cleaning. Rocks and rubbish need to be removed as it becomes dangerous.

It was **RECOMMENDED: that SBC be contacted and asked to have the pool cleaned.**

- b. Strand Wharf – Cllr Peter Dolby advised that some progress had been made with Southend BC but it also means taking a few steps back. It has become apparent that there is little chance of arranging a lease agreement that keeps all parties happy. Southend's asset and legal departments have suggested a 99 year licence instead of a lease. This would mean that any issues that may arise with adjacent lease holders would be SBC's problem. Leigh Town Council, however, would risk heavy refurbishment costs of the Wharf without the secure ownership that a lease provides. Our solicitor has been asked to look into the matter and we await his advice.
- c. Town Guide – The Town Clerk has tried to arrange meetings with Storm but they have so far been unavailable. A meeting hopefully to be had in October.
- d. Sea Wall – Cllr Peter Dolby agreed to go down to the sea wall and take photos to be forwarded to SBC.

It was **RECOMMENDED: that the Outstanding Issues report only be put on the agenda when the Chairman feels the committee need to know about any updates.**

20. BUDGETS 2010/11

Report 1781/LFE was noted.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm