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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LEISURE, FORESHORE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 21st APRIL 2011 AT THE COUNCIL OFFICE, 67 ELM ROAD, LEIGH-ON-SEA

Present Cllrs: Peter Dolby (Vice Chairman), Mrs Elaine Crystall, Pat Holden and Carole Mulroney

Also in attendance: Cllrs Mike Dolby, Paul Lawrence, Paul Beckerson (Town Clerk), Jan Andrews (Belfairs High School) and Chris Page (Belfairs High School)

The meeting opened at 8.07pm

61. VICE CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Vice Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting and thanked them for all the work that the Committee had undertaken during the course of the year. Special thanks were given to the Chairman for the litter pick at Belton Hills during the "Spring Clean Week" and the "Leigh in Front Campaign". Cllr Pat Holden thanked the Vice Chairman for all the work he had undertaken during his time on the Town Council especially his contribution to the financial aspects of the Council. As this was the last meeting the Vice Chairman would be attending he wished the Council well for the future.

62. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were none at this point.

63. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Hilary Davison, Elaine Crystall, Donald Fraser and Patsy Ryan

64. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 17th MARCH 2011. Minutes of the meeting of the 17th March 2011 were agreed and signed by the Vice Chairman.

65. MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SUB-COMMITTEE of the 12th April 2011 (Appendix 1 to the agenda)

The Chairman reported the minutes.

The Committee **REFERRED back minute 6 for reconsideration as the recommendation did not comply with the Equality Act 2010.**

66. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- a) Greater Thames Fisheries Action Group Meeting 25th February 2011 (Appendix 2 to the agenda)

Item 6 in these minutes showed the concern fishermen had over the effects of dredging on the local cockle industry. It was stressed that the input of fisherman was vital to the process and added weight to their arguments. DP World would be monitoring the effect of silt on marine life and would be reporting back to a future meeting. The fishermen would be making representations via lawyers on any operations that would have an adverse effect on the marine industry.

The Committee recognised that all was being done to obviate any detrimental effects but would express its concern in future if it was felt appropriate to do so.

- b) Easter Event WP Meeting 16th March & 13th April 2011 – Reports 1863-1884/EEWP (Appendix 3 to the agenda)

All the arrangements for the event were under control. Mention was made about last year's complaint from SBC about litter left after the event; although this was not accepted as a criticism as there had been a litter pick after the event and the gardens left clear of litter every effort would be made to avoid such a situation arising. There was some doubt over obtaining a "bunny" costume it was agreed that Chris Page would be kept up to date on the situation.

- c) Fishing Festival WP Meeting 21st March 2011 – Report 1866/FFWP (Appendix 4 to the agenda)

The Vice Chairman reported on the meeting. The Lions had approached the Council to ask if they could provide a burger stall, as at other Council events.

After some discussion it was **RESOLVED that the offer should be declined as the Committee felt it was inappropriate at an event devoted to the fishing industry.**

- d) Town Guide WP Meeting 5th April 2011 – Report 1877/TGWP (Appendix 5 to the agenda)

The Committee **RESOLVED to accept the WP's recommendation that Local Authority Publishing is appointed to produce the Town Guide for 2011/13 and 2013/15, subject to agreement as to the printer to be used.**

- e) Old Town Community Group Meeting 6th April 2011 – Report 1878/OTCG (Appendix 6 to the agenda)

Recommendation in minute 5, the Committee **RESOLVED to write to SBC requesting that action be taken to repair defective pointing to the granite setts using funds from the 'pot hole' budget which the Chief Executive had mentioned at the ATM.**

Recommendation in minute 6, the Committee **RESOLVED that Essex CC, Castle Point BC and SBC be canvassed to see if there was an opportunity for a joint approach to an event.**

- f) Protocol Meeting Actions 10th March 2011 – Report 1880/AM (Appendix 7 to the agenda)

The report was **noted.**

- g) Leigh Lights WP Meeting 21st April 2011 – Verbal Report from Convenor

The Vice Chairman reported on the meeting that had taken place earlier that evening. The Vice Chairman presented the WP's recommendations to the Committee:

The Committee **RESOLVED to accept the quotation from Aylesford Electrical in the sum of £2,350.**

The Committee **RESOLVED to accept the quotations from McDonald Highways of the 31st March 2011 of £1835 and the 13th April of £1,333 (8 columns pro rata).**

The Committee **RESOLVED to accept the quotation from Cable Test in the sums of £5939.93 and £198.37 for the installation of the new display.**

The Committee **RESOLVED that the new display be positioned next to lamp post 7 in Broadway West at right angles to the road.**

The Committee **RESOLVED not to employ the services of a celebrity to perform the switch-on but would look into using pantomime performers in costume but not the star.**

- h) Provision of Funding for an Additional Baby Swing (Library Gardens) (Appendix 8 to the agenda)

The Committee considered the request and **RESOLVED to investigate this in conjunction with SBC.**

- i) Application for Grant Aid Funding “Old Leigh Regatta” (Appendix 9 to the agenda)

The Committee **RESOLVED to allocate up to £550 to support the event.**

- j) Leigh In Front – Update

The deadline had been extended to allow more entries to be included in the judging and further publicity has been produced to encourage entry.

- k) GFL Spring Clean Week – Report by Convenor

Members heard a review of the Good for Leigh Spring Clean Week produced by the Convenor (Appendix 10 to the agenda).

67. BUDGETS 2010/11

The Report 1882/LFE was **noted** (Appendix 11 to the agenda). Members queried the deficit in the Community Transport budget. This would be investigated and reported on at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm