



# Leigh-on-Sea Town Council

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Chairman: Cllr Pat Holden  
Vice Chairman: Cllr Carole Mulroney  
Town Clerk: Paul Beckerson

## Minutes of 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Town Meeting – 25<sup>th</sup> April 2012, 7.30 pm at Leigh Community Centre, Elm Road

**Present:** Councillors: Pat Holden (Chairman), Carole Mulroney (Vice Chairman), Mark Bromfield, Margaret Cotgrove, Syrie Cox, Donald Fraser, Richard Herbert, Jerry Holden, Paul Lawrence, Caroline Parker, Cliff Passmore and David Stanley

Borough Councillors: Alan Crystall, Nigel Holdcroft.

Plus 35 members of the public

### ***The meeting opened at 7.30pm***

#### **1. Chairman's Opening Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the Annual Town Meeting: residents and visitors; former Councillors Hilary Davison and Peter Dolby. She was very pleased to see Southend Ward Councillor, Alan Crystall and Southend Borough Council's Leader Nigel Holdcroft. She then introduced all the Councillors present on the stage.

#### **2. Apologies**

Councillors: Geoff Crawford, Alex Coulson, Patsy Ryan, David Amess M.P., Southend Borough Council Chief Executive Rob Tinlin

#### **3. Minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Town Meeting** were agreed and signed

#### **4. Annual Report of the Town Council.**

The Chairman of the Council reported on the Council's work during the preceding year. (Attached as Appendix 1)

#### **5. Good for Leigh Awards**

Presentations were made to the Endeavour Trust (Mike King and Peter Dolby accepted the award on behalf of the Trust), Nick James (Old Town resident – not present – for his work within the Old Town), Leigh Society (Anne Price and Margaret Buckey accepted the award on behalf of the Society), Leigh St John Ambulance for their services to Leigh (Joy Watson and Cadets accepted the award), Leigh Army Cadets for the wonderful example of personal commitment and dedication which they provide for all the young people of Leigh. David Hammond for his management of the Farmer's Market and Leigh Allotments Orchard.

#### **6. Annual Reports from Committee Chairmen** (Appendix 2)

Cllr Paul Lawrence (Allotments Committee)  
Cllr Carole Mulroney (Leisure, Foreshore and Environment Committee)  
Cllr Donald Fraser (Community Transport Sub-Committee)  
Cllr Caroline Parker (Transport and Highways Committee)  
Cllr Pat Holden (Planning Committee)  
Cllr Jerry Holden (Finance and General Purposes Committee)

#### **7. Annual Accounts of the Council year ending March 2011**

The meeting noted the accounts. (Appendix 2 to the Agenda)

#### **8. Details of the balances and expenditure up to date year 2011/12**

The balances were noted and there were no questions. (Appendix 3 to the Agenda)

9. **Observations on the Town Council Budget 2012/13**

There were no observations. (Appendix 4 to the Agenda)

10. **Observations from Guests**

**Cllr Nigel Holdcroft, Leader Southend Borough Council** thanked the Town Council for the work it undertakes on behalf of the residents of Leigh. He mentioned a Neighbourhood Plan that was being undertaken in Thorpe Bay and looked forward to working with Leigh Town Council on a similar project in Leigh.

**Alan Crystall, Borough Councillor** commended the Town Council for its contribution to the Town, especially for stepping in to continue running the Leigh Community Centre. He and the St Clement's Hall Trust were fully behind this project.

11. **Resolutions of which written notice has been received**

There were none.

12. **Questions and comments from residents and electors of Leigh-on-Sea**

12.1 **Mr Peter Monk**

Raised the issue of a missing bus shelter on the Broadway south side opposite Oakleigh Park Drive and a sign on the A127 directing people to Leigh-on-Sea.

From **T&H Chairman**

Cllr Caroline Parker undertook to look into the matter.

12.2 **Miss Back**

Requested that the southern length of Hadleigh Road become a no parking area

**Mr Les Thorrington**

Was opposed to any such idea.

12.2 **Mr Les Sawyer**

Asked the Chairman of Finance and General Purposes Committee how many responses the Council had received from the Community Centre Consultation.

From **F&GP Chairman**

The Council had received some 794 responses 4.67% of the electorate.

12.3 **Valerie Morgan**

Complained about lack of parking enforcement in the Old Town.

From **LFE Chairman**

This was an intractable problem, but she would seek to ask when patrols were actually taking place

13. **Conclusion**

The Chairman thanked those attending and **closed the meeting at 9.10pm**