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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LEIGH-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 2011 AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, 67 ELM ROAD, LEIGH-ON-SEA

Present: Cllrs: Pat Holden (Chairman), Margaret Cotgrove, Alex Coulson, Geoff Crawford, Mike Dolby, Donald Fraser, Richard Herbert, Jerry Holden, Paul Lawrence, Carole Mulroney, Cliff Passmore and Patsy Ryan

Also in attendance: Paul Beckerson (Town Clerk), Major John Carmichael (Salvation Army).

The meeting opened at 8.03pm

Major John Carmichael led prayers.

36. OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting. Cllr Mike Dolby was wished well for his forthcoming operation. Cllr David Stanley was congratulated on his successful production of 'Beowulf' in Priory Park. The Fishing Festival was once again well attended despite the Olympic Trial Event; all the helpers were thanked for their contribution. Some Councillors had also assisted in the Southend Carnival Procession. Cllr Paul Lawrence was thanked for his work in supervising the fence installation at Randolph Close and MDAS for their assistance and the grant towards the cost.

The Vice-Chairman reported on her visit to the 'Centenarians Tea Party' held by the David Amess MP in Iveagh Hall where she met some very interesting people. One of the party had been in the London Fire Service during the 'Blitz'.

The Vice-Chairman reminded members about the training session on 'Diversity and Equality' to be conducted by Peter Hall SBC to be held at the Town Council Office at 7.00pm on Tuesday 20th September.

The Chairman and Vice Chairman had attended an information session that evening presented by Havens Hospice on the prospective planning application on Belton Hills. Once the planning application had been submitted there was the prospect of a public meeting to discuss the proposals.

On the 17th September there was to be an event at Hadleigh Fire Station of the Hadleigh and Thundersley Community Archive. Members were reminded to support the Leigh Regatta which takes place this weekend.

37. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were none.

38. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: Mark Bromfield, Caroline Parker, David Stanley and John Wren

39. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were none

40. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

There were none

41. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present

42. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the 13th July 2011 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

43. STATEMENT OF INTENT AS TO COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (Appendix 1 to the Agenda)

Members discussed the statement and the following additions were requested:

- Mention should be made of Leigh Matters in 'Provision of Information'
- Add Councillor Contact details and FOI statement is published on the web site
- Add the provision of Councillor Surgeries
- Revise Formal Representation content
- Amend response time to 2 days and action within 10 days

The statement would be revised and brought back to the next meeting of F&GP.

44. COMMITTEES

- a) Planning Committee – The minutes of the meetings held on 12th and 26th July and 9th and 23rd August 2011 were **noted**.

Cllr Richard Herbert reported on the SBC Development Control Committee which had met earlier in the week re 87 Rectory Grove (St Clement's Hall). The Borough Council had approved the application subject to renegotiation upwards of the sum of £30,000 which the developers had offered towards community uses.

- b) Transport & Highways Committee – The minutes of the meeting held on 20th July 2011 were **noted**.

- c) Leisure, Foreshore & Environment Committee – The minutes of the meeting held on 21st July 2011 were **noted**.

Cllr Carole Mulrone drew members' attention to the on going meetings with parents and other organisations on continuing the youth club provision within Leigh. Cllr Jerry Holden, Chairman of F&GP, responded that some financial provision might be provided from the Community Affairs budget once it was known how the parents were intending to proceed.

The Council considered the recommendations contained in Report 1917/GFLWP (Attached to the LFE Agenda 21/07/11 as appendix 6) and **RESOLVED** as follows:

- a) That the Personnel Sub-Committee considers the role and content of current non-office services and the potential for rationalisation.
- b) That a returnable insert be placed in the forthcoming Town Guide advising people of the services provided by the Town Council and seeking comment as to future provision. Such responses to then be considered by the Community Engagement Working Party with a view to moving forward through Council on an update of the Vision for Leigh
- d) Allotments Committee – The minutes of the meetings held on 27th July 2011 and the extraordinary meeting on 6th September 2011 were **noted**.
- e) Finance & General Purposes Committee – The minutes of the meeting held on 6th September 2011 were **noted**.

Training – Members were asked whether Saturday mornings or weekday evenings were preferable; most seemed to be able to do either. It was agreed to hold a budget and precept training session on Wednesday, 5th October 2011 starting at 7.00pm. Further dates would be circulated for member's preferences.

The Council considered the recommendations of the Committee and **RESOLVED** as follows:-

Min 49 – Actions from Premises Working Party Report 1925/TC

That the estimate submitted by GRS in the sum of £4525.00 be accepted and funded from reserves.

Min 52 – Councillor Mileage Allowance

That the Council approve the scheme. Cllr Mike Dolby abstained from voting.

Min 51 - Review of Polling Districts and Polling Stations

That the following recommendations be forwarded to Southend BC:

- Leigh Road Ward – WJZ – That the use of Our Lady of Lourdes or Leigh Road Baptist Church be considered
- Herschell Ward – WAZ – That the use of the communal room of Senier House be considered or that the portable polling station be resituated on Marine Parade near to Burnham Road.
- Herschell Ward – WOZ – That the use of Elim Hall, Glendale Gardens or St. Michael's School in Hadleigh Road be considered.

45. FINANCIAL REPORT

It was **RESOLVED: that the Income & Expenditure Report 1930/I&E be approved**, (Appendix 2 to the Agenda).

The meeting closed at 9.12pm