



Leigh-on-Sea Town Council

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LEIGH-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 12th OCTOBER 2011 AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, 67 ELM ROAD, LEIGH-ON-SEA

Present: Cllrs: Pat Holden (Chairman), Margaret Cotgrove, Alex Coulson, Geoff Crawford, Donald Fraser, Richard Herbert, Jerry Holden, Paul Lawrence, Carole Mulroney, Cliff Passmore, Caroline Parker (from min 53), Patsy Ryan and David Stanley

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

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

Major John Carmichael led prayers.

46. OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting. The last month had been quiet in terms of events. SBC had given some planning training on application conditions and Peter Hall had come to the Council to talk about the Equality Act and inclusion which was received with great interest. The Chairman and Vice Chairman had attended a briefing session for students of architecture at Anglia Ruskin University and outlined details of the Elm Road site in preparation for their projects.

The planning application for the Havens Hospice site on Belton Hills had been submitted and would be discussed at Planning Committee later in the month. A model could be viewed at Southend Central Library on Friday afternoon and all day Saturday. The applicants would not be showing the model in Leigh and a letter would be sent to the organisation expressing the Town Council's disappointment.

47. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were none.

48. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: Mark Bromfield, Mike Dolby and John Wren

49. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were none

50. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

There were none

51. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present

52. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the 14th September 2011 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

53. COMMITTEES

- a) Planning Committee – The minutes of the meetings held on 13th and 26th September 2011 were **noted**. Members were reminded that the National Planning Policy Framework consultation ended on the 17th October 2011 and that comments should be received by the Town Clerk by the 14th October.

- b) Leisure, Foreshore & Environment Committee – The minutes of the meeting held on 15th September 2011 were **noted**.

The Council considered the recommendations contained in minute 26(f) and **RESOLVED** to approve the dates as recommended.

- c) Allotments Committee – The minutes of the meetings held on 28th September 2011 were **noted**. Special thanks were given to the Chairman of Allotments for supervising the installation of the new fencing.
- d) Finance & General Purposes Committee – The minutes of the meeting held on 4th October 2011 were **noted**.

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

Min 67(a) – INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL AUDIT Working Party Report 1938/AWP

That the risk assessment be adopted.

Min 69 – ‘Vision for Leigh’ and Corporate Plan

That a Town Plan and Strategy Sub-Committee be formed with a membership of six members with powers to co-opt external representation as required. Draft terms of reference to be agreed at the next meeting would include:

- evaluating the impact of the Localism Bill;
- providing a framework for the development of discrete areas of activity, e.g. revision of the ‘Vision for Leigh’ and Neighbourhood Planning;
- progressing the initial review of Council priorities, e.g. compiling councillors’ objectives and formulating questions for public consultation.

The membership of the Sub-Committee was elected as follows:

Cllrs Richard Herbert, Jerry Holden, Pat Holden, Carole Mulroney, Caroline Parker, Patsy Ryan and David Stanley

Min 70 – STATEMENT OF INTENT AS TO COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

That the statement be adopted and published

54. MOTION PROPOSED UNDER STANDING ORDER 4(b)

An amendment to the motion contained in agenda item [8] was moved by Cllr Richard Herbert and David Stanley as follows. Replace wording from ‘AND’ with:

“Leigh Town Council will be consulting with the people of Leigh and others in order to form an informed view on this site and its historically locally listed buildings and also the possibility of acquiring and running a community centre /civic hub”

Cllr Jerry Holden asked if the proposer and seconder would accept a form of amended wording replace “acquiring and running” with the word “providing”, and that Southend Borough Council be advised of the decision. This was agreed with the addition of a further sentence at the end. The amendment now being:

“Southend Borough Council be advised that Leigh Town Council will be consulting with the people of Leigh and others in order to form an informed view on this site and its locally listed buildings and also the possibility of providing a community centre /civic hub, and this be referred to the Town Plan and Strategy Sub-Committee for implementation.”

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the amendment. The motion as amended was then put to the vote:

That, in the light of:

- a) the published remarks of the Leader of the Southend-on-Sea Borough Council regarding the redevelopment of the civic site (Elm Road);
- b) the changes in the operational usage of the Police Station;
- c) the closure of the Friday youth club in the Connexions building;
- d) the refusal of the Borough Council to take bookings for the Farmers' Market after July 2012;
- e) the removal of the SECC function from the Community Centre in 2012; and
- f) any relevant issues arising from the Localism Bill when enacted

Southend Borough Council be advised that Leigh Town Council will be consulting with the people of Leigh and others in order to form an informed view on this site and its locally listed buildings and also the possibility of providing a community centre /civic hub, and this be referred to the Town Plan and Strategy Sub-Committee for implementation.

The Council **RESOLVED** to agree the motion.

55. ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE (SOUTHEND) TO EALC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There were no nominations, so it was agreed to contact the Councillors who were not present to see if they would be interested. In the event this was unsuccessful Cllr Paul Lawrence would represent the Council until an alternative was nominated.

56. CHELMSFORD ARCHITECTURAL STUDENTS PRESENTATION (Civic Site) 26th October 2011

The following expressed an interest in attending:

Cllrs Margaret Cotgrove, Richard Herbert, Pat Holden, Paul Lawrence and Carole Mulrone, plus the Town Clerk.

57. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Income & Expenditure Report 1930/I&E was **noted**, (Appendix 1 to the Agenda).

The meeting closed at 8.55pm