



Leigh-on-Sea Town Council

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Town Clerk: Paul Beckerson



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LEIGH-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2012 AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, 67 ELM ROAD, LEIGH-ON-SEA

Present: Cllrs: Carole Mulroney (Vice Chairman), Alex Coulson, Margaret Cotgrove, Donald Fraser, Jerry Holden, Paul Lawrence, Caroline Parker, Cliff Passmore, Patsy Ryan, David Stanley and John Wren (from Min. 114)

Also in attendance: Paul Beckerson (Town Clerk), Major John Carmichael (Salvation Army), Cllr Ray Howard (Canvey Island Town Council, Castle Point Borough Council and Essex CC), and Elaine De Can (Canvey Island Town Council Clerk)

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

114. OPENING REMARKS

In the absence of the Chairman Cllr Carole Mulroney, Vice Chairman, took the chair and welcomed members to the meeting. A meeting had taken place with Cllr John Lamb (SBC) in relation to issues for the traffic order and lease of Strand Wharf. A meeting with the two youth leaders running the re-sited youth club in the Wesley Methodist Church had been very positive with the youth leaders wishing to get involved with projects in the Town. A talk had been organised by SBC about the Localism Act 2011 which both the Chairman and Vice Chairman had attended.

The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Cllr Jerry Holden had discussed the possibility of lottery funding for the Strand Wharf Project at an open meeting with Heritage Lottery Fund representatives in Hadleigh. Strand Wharf met the criteria for one of the Lottery's grant schemes. The Chairman and Vice Chairman had attended the Business and Ratepayers' Forum to put the questions agreed by Council.

115. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were none

116. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: Mark Bromfield, Richard Herbert and Pat Holden

117. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were none

118. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

There were none.

119. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the 11th January 2012 were agreed and signed by the Vice Chairman.

120. COMMITTEES

a) Planning Committee – The minutes of the meeting held on 24th January 2012 were **noted**

- b) Transport & Highways – The minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2012 were **noted**
- c) Leisure, Foreshore & Environment Committee – The minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2012 were **noted**
- d) Allotments – The minutes of the meeting held on 25th January 2012 were presented by the Chairman.

Minute 79 should read maximum not minimum. The minutes were **noted**

- e) Finance & General Purposes Committee – The minutes of the meeting held on 31st January 2012 were **noted**

121. PROPOSED THAMES ESTUARY AIRPORT

The meeting was adjourned to allow Cllr Ray Howard (Canvey Island Town Council) to speak

Cllr Howard was seeking the backing of the Town Council in opposing the building of a new airport in the Thames Estuary. He felt that the opposition would be more effective if it was co-ordinated.

The meeting reconvened

An opinion was proffered that due to flight paths and quieter aircraft the effect on Leigh of these proposals would be minimal. This view was not shared by all. Others saw noise and safety conflicts with conflicting flight paths as an issue. Importantly, bird strike would be a substantial safety issue and there would be a detrimental effect on the environment.

With the consultation being issued by the government in April and the Friends of the Earth meeting taking place on Friday evening it was **AGREED** to note the position pending further information.

122. STUDIO TEN PROJECT

The Council wished the project well and looked forward to receiving information as plans developed.

123. TOWN GUIDE APPROVAL OF FINAL PROOF

The Guide had been circulated to members for comment previously. The proof was **AGREED** for publishing.

124. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Income & Expenditure Report 2004/I&E was **noted**, (Appendix 1 to the Agenda).

125. APPLICATIONS FOR OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

The Chairman of F&GP was thanked for co-ordinating the 500 plus job applications.

The meeting closed at 8.12pm