



# Leigh-on-Sea Town Council

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



## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LEIGH-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2012 AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, 67 ELM ROAD, LEIGH-ON-SEA

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

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

### ***The meeting opened at 7.39pm***

#### 126. OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman reported on the various events that had taken place and that she had attended since the last Council Meeting:

A public meeting in the Leigh Community Centre about the proposals for an Estuary Airport  
The Royal Navy Inspection of the TS Implacable 312 Southend Sea Cadet Unit  
The celebration of the opening of the new premises at Leigh Road Baptist Church  
Leigh Allotments and South East Essex Organic Gardeners held a 'Potato Day' at 'Growing Together'  
The official opening of the Leigh Youth Club at Leigh Wesley Church – Leigh Council had helped to facilitate the setting-up of this club when that at Connexions was closed  
Cllr David Stanley had given a concert in aid of Help for Heroes.

Syrie Cox won the Bonchurch By-Election last Thursday; the Chairman welcomed her to the Council and thanked those who had assisted in the campaign.

Members were encouraged to support the Leigh Council Farmers' Market this Saturday and to attend the Southend BC planning training session on 26<sup>th</sup> March.

Members were asked to help with the Spring Clean Event, which would be taking place on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March starting at 9am at the top of Belton Way East and the Easter Event on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April.

#### 127. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were none

#### 128. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: Alex Coulson and John Wren

#### 129. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were none

#### 130. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

There were none.

131. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2012 were agreed and signed by the Chairman with one correction Ron Howard should be Ray Howard and one addition Cllr David Stanley was present.

132. COMMITTEES

a) Planning Committee – The minutes of the meetings held on 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February 2012 were **noted**

b) Transport & Highways – The minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2012 were **noted**

The Chairman thanked Cllr Geoff Crawford for his assistance in surveying the Bus Shelters.

c) Leisure, Foreshore & Environment Committee – The minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2012 were **noted**

In response to a question about the progress of dredging Leigh Creek, it was reported that it was not appropriate while dredging was taking place by Dubai Ports.

d) Finance & General Purposes Committee – The minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2012 were **noted** with the exception of the following recommendations:

- **Minute 150 a)** that the business plan be adopted as a basis for continued discussions with Southend Borough Council. **RESOLVED**
- **Minute 150 b)** that, subject to a satisfactory assessment of the financial implications, the Town Council's preferred option is to undertake the management of the Community Centre building and services. **RESOLVED**
- That the business plan be released into the public domain with the exception of Section 6 Financial (not yet finalised), items 5.2 and 9.3 and Appendix 3. **RESOLVED**
- **Minute 151** Questionnaire for final approval.

Some amendments were proposed: 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph remove the word 'historic', penultimate paragraph 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence replace 'do not' with will not' and 3<sup>rd</sup> sentence replace 'will be used' with 'may be used'. These were accepted.

A proposal to remove the word 'Your' from the start of paragraph was lost.

It was **RESOLVED** that the questionnaire be approved for publication.

The Chairman of Finance and General Purposes was thanked for all the effort he had expended on the project so far.

133. PROPOSED THAMES ESTUARY AIRPORT

A letter from Canvey Island Town Council requesting support in opposing the proposed airport had been circulated with the agenda and members were asked to consider the Council's stance. After some discussion the following proposal was put -

That Leigh-on-Sea Town Council object to the principle of an airport in the Thames Estuary

An amendment was put that the word 'strongly' be added to the motion. This was **AGREED**

It was therefore **RESOLVED** that Leigh-on-Sea Town Council object strongly to the principle of an airport in the Thames Estuary

It was further **agreed** that letters setting out the Council's view be sent to Castle Point Borough Council, Southend Borough Council and David Amess MP, as well as Canvey Island Town Council

134. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Income & Expenditure Report 2016/I&E was **noted**, (Appendix 1 to the Agenda).

135. VACANCIES ON PLANNING AND FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEES

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Syrie Cox fill both vacancies for the remainder of the Council Year.

***The meeting closed at 8.55pm***