



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 11th APRIL 2012 AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, 67 ELM ROAD, LEIGH-ON-SEA

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

Also in attendance: Vivien Choppen (Assistant to Town Clerk)

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

136. OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman thanked Cllr Mark Bromfield for organising the Spring Clean Event that took place on Saturday 31st March and to all the councillors that took part in the litter pick on Belton Way East, Leigh Cemetery and Leigh Station steps.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Caroline Parker for organising a successful Easter Event on 7th April, despite the wet weather and particularly to Vanda Moyse, as this was her first event as Events Coordinator.

Councillors were encouraged to support the Leigh Council Farmers' Market on Friday 13th April.

137. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were none

138. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: Alex Coulson, Cliff Passmore and Patsy Ryan and Major John Carmichael (Salvation Army)

139. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were none

140. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

The Allotment Agreement between the Council and Manchester Drive Allotment Society is currently under consideration. The Chairman explained that the Allotment Agreement would be ratified by the Council through the presentation of the Allotment Committee minutes and any changes proposed would be considered at that point. However in connection with the Agreement Cllr Mark Bromfield posed the following questions and the Chairman's responses are noted below:

Qu 1. Will it be a requirement as part of the agreement with the MDAS that allotment plot holders are informed by the MDAS that being a member of the MDAS is not a requirement to rent a plot on the site?

Ans 1. MDAS has been asked to inform ploholders that they are not required to join the Society to have a plot.

Qu 2. Will the term "Allotment Holders" in the agreement with the MDAS be replaced with the correct syntax " Allotment Plot Holders"?

Ans 2. The wording of the Agreement has been agreed by the Allotment Committee.

Qu 3. Has the MDAS proved legally the ownership of all the buildings referred too in the agreement with Leigh Town Council?

Ans 3. At the time when Leigh Town Council took over the allotments from Southend Borough Council it was accepted that the Café/shop building was owned by the Society. The club house was recently built by the Society and they purchased the container.

141. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the 14th March 2012 were agreed and signed by the Chairman with the addition that Cllr David Stanley was present.

142. COMMITTEES

- a) Planning Committee – The minutes of the meetings held on 13th and 27th March 2012 were **noted**.
- b) Leisure, Foreshore & Environment Committee – The minutes of the meeting held on 15th March 2012 were **noted**.

In connection with min 70(d) Cllr Carole Mulronee asked Cllr Donald Fraser if he would press St Clement's Church to provide a definite response to fixing the jubilee beacon to the Church Tower.

Cllr Caroline Parker thanked all those who helped at the Easter Event.

- d) Allotments – The minutes of the meeting held on 21st March 2012 were noted with the exception of
 - **Minute 94** It was **RESOLVED** that the Allotment Agreement as amended was approved (Appendix 1 to Allotments' Committee Meeting).
- e) Finance & General Purposes Committee – The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd April 2012 were **noted** with the exception of the following recommendations:
 - **Minute 170** It was **RESOLVED** that the Heads of Terms for the Community Centre be approved.

In connection with min 164 Cllr Jerry Holden reported that he had been informed that the invoice for the by-election would be £4,280.06. (Please note an invoice has been received for £3,788.49.)

143. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Income & Expenditure Report 2026/I&E was **noted**, (Appendix 1 to Council Agenda).

The meeting closed at 8.00pm