



Leigh-on-Sea Town Council

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Chairman: Cllr Pat Holden
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Town Clerk: Paul Beckerson



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LEISURE, FORESHORE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD AT 8.00PM ON THURSDAY 16th JUNE 2011 AT THE COUNCIL OFFICE, 67 ELM ROAD, LEIGH-ON-SEA

Present Cllrs: Carole Mulroney (Chairman), Mark Bromfield, Alex Coulson, Geoff Crawford, Donald Fraser, Pat Holden, Paul Lawrence and David Stanley

In attendance: Paul Beckerson (Town Clerk), Jan Andrews and Chris Page (Belfairs School)

The meeting opened at 8.00pm

11. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting and introduced Chris Page and Jan Andrews to the new Councillors.

12. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: Richard Herbert and Patsy Ryan

13. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19th May 2011

The minutes of 19th May 2011 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

14. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- a) Fishing Festival Working Party – 31st May 2011 – Report 1907/FFWP (Appendix 1 to the agenda)

Cllr Lawrence and the Chairman would be meeting Graeme Newman of SBC on 20 June to discuss highways issues. (see 14c below).

RESOLVED:

- i. That Cllr Lawrence be appointed to act as the Council's liaison with Peter Dolby and that all Councillors be contacted to see if they can assist with the event.
- ii. To increase the budget for the Fishing Festival by £250 to £2250.

- b) Olympic Trial Event – Representations to SBC
This would be dealt with at the meeting with SBC on 20 June.

The issue of possible visitor information leaflets was discussed for the actual Olympic Event and other purposes and would be considered at a later date.

- c) Strand Wharf Working Party – 2nd June 2011 – Report 1904/SWWP (Appendix 2 to the agenda)
The Committee acknowledged that the drawing may need amendment if there were operational issues arising, but for the purposes of legal issues at present

RESOLVED:

That the layout as indicated on the drawing be approved for submission to SBC to enable a draft agreement to be drawn up.

- d) Old Town Community Group – 7th June 2011 – Report 1905/OTCG (Appendix 3 to the agenda)

Andrew Meddle had indicated to the Chairman that SBC would be providing the signage requested (including for car parks off the Broadway and Elm Road).

RESOLVED:

- i. That SBC be thanked for their efforts and be requested to consult with the Town Council on the wording and positioning of the signs.
- ii. That the issue of glasses and bottles and an 'alcohol zone' in the Old Town be placed on the agenda for the forthcoming Protocol meeting.

- e) First Aid Report – Report 1906/DF (Appendix 4 to the agenda)

The report was **noted**.

- f) Community Transport - Authorisation of payment towards Medical Test to extend MIDAS qualification, one of the drivers having reached the age of 70 (Total cost £110).

RESOLVED:

- i. to pay the sum of £110 to the driver concerned for the coming year but that this would be subject to annual review and was not to be seen as a precedent.
- ii. That the Town Council should seek to attract more volunteer drivers through the local press to boost the current pool.

- g) Sea Defence Vegetation Management – Information only (Appendix 5 to the agenda)

Noted.

- h) Town Guide Working Party – Date for meeting

The meeting would take place at 8pm on Thursday 23rd June 2011. Cllr David Stanley was elected to the Working Party.

- i) Flower Baskets

Cllr Reta Cocks had previously undertaken this role. It was agreed to contact her to ascertain how this was dealt with.

RESOLVED:

To delegate this responsibility to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman of the Council and the Chairman of this Committee.

- j) Good for Leigh Working Party – Date for meeting

The meeting will take place at 8pm on Wednesday 6th July 2011. Cllr Mark Bromfield was elected to the Working Party.

- k) Items for Protocol Meeting

In addition to the above –

Gypsy Bridge Paddling Pool:

- Needs clearing – it's littered with lots of big rocks and some old pipes.
- The water is draining away, so that at low tide it's nearly empty.
- People have been taking the oysters growing on the sides (this apparently means they won't grow next year and it has some adverse effect on the numbers of oyster catcher birds attracted to Leigh?)

The meeting closed at 9.03pm