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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LEISURE, FORESHORE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
HELD AT 8.00PM ON THURSDAY 16th FEBRUARY 2012 AT THE COUNCIL OFFICE, 67 ELM
ROAD, LEIGH-ON-SEA

Present Cllrs: Carole Mulroney (Chairman), Mark Bromfield, Alex Coulson, Geoff Crawford, Donald Fraser, Richard Herbert, Pat Holden, Paul Lawrence, Caroline Parker (from min 62c to 62e) and David Stanley

In attendance: Paul Beckerson (Town Clerk), Ryan McCarthy (Echo), 1 Member of the public

The meeting opened at 8.00pm

57. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting including Ryan of the Echo and Syrie Cox one of the prospective candidates in the forthcoming by-election.

58. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Patsy Ryan

59. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTEREST

None

60. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19th January 2012

The minutes of 19th January 2012 were agreed and signed by the Chairman

61. COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES – 7th February 2012 – (Appendix 1 to the agenda)

The Sub-Committee Chairman reported on the meeting, highlighting the fact that CTA membership was needed because it included the section 19 permits that are required to operate the scheme.

The Committee **noted** the minutes.

62. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- a) Strand Wharf Working Party – 16th January 2012 – Report 2000/SWWP – (Appendix 2 to the agenda)

A meeting had taken place with Cllr John Lamb at Strand Wharf where some of the outstanding lease issues were raised. There had subsequently been a meeting between the Chairman of the Committee, the Chairman of the Council and Cllr John Lamb, Antony Daniels and Cheryl Hindle of Southend BC to move the process forward. A new travelling lease would be prepared for LTC to consider.

- b) Town Guide Working Party – 16th January 2012 – Report 1999/TGWP – (Appendix 3 to the agenda)

The guide was now on the internet and the printed copies were due to be delivered. The Chairman thanked all those involved both within and outside the Council.

c) Easter Event Working Party – 18th January 2012 – Verbal Report

Cllr Caroline Parker reported on the meeting. All the stall holders had been notified and entertainers booked. Southend BC had been informed and invitations issued. Requests had been made for Easter eggs; David Elcock would be approaching Macro and Bookers. Prizes had been donated by Adventure Island and Leigh Print for the Easter Bonnet Competition.

Alan Martin who had led the Lights Parade was prepared to become the permanent Town Crier.

Arrival times of participants had in the past caused problems and it was agreed that this should be strictly controlled this year.

d) Thames Estuary Partnership[- Fisheries Action Group – 19th January 2012 – (Appendix 4 to the agenda)

The Chairman highlighted the Kent Wind Farm extension and mention was made of the lack of action regarding the dredging of Leigh Creek, although it was considered this could be inappropriate whilst dredging was continuing for Dubai Ports..

e) Old Town Community Group – 7th February 2012 – (Appendix 5 to the agenda)

SBC had replied to the queries the Group had raised as follows:

- The issue around car use in the Old Town is not currently under consideration by the Council's Traffic and Parking Working Party.
- A second buoy similar to the first is being sourced and will be placed on a base on the inside of the left hand turn from the flyover to the car park underneath it.
- Signage is being put up at Belton Bridge as requested by Leigh Town Council to direct drivers to the larger car parks by the station. Mike Mabb will advise on what is being done in detail.
- At present SBC are simply negotiating a narrow strip of land on the east and south side of the road from where the public footpath drops off from the seawall around Johnson and Jago's sheds.
- No waiting signs would be superfluous as the yellow lines are the enforceable element. Regular breaches have been noted of the no entry restrictions too. SBC will ask for more regular enforcement around the railway station (year round) and along Cockle Row and the High Street (between the beginning of April and the end of October).

The Committee **RESOLVED** to request the provision of a wheel chair parking bay in the Belton Bridge Car Park and a plan of the proposed changes.

f) Good for Leigh Working Party – 8th February 2012 – Report 2012/GFLWP - (Appendix 6 to the agenda)

Cllr Mark Bromfield had contacted SBC as to where the bags of rubbish would be left. Cllr Patsy Ryan would be dealing with the letters and press release on her return. Ian Brown of SBC would be advised of the date to enable the grass cut to take place prior to the event.

g) Gypsy Bridge Shelter – Price for fitting Perspex Panels & Painting

To insert and seal Perspex, fix beading, repair and paint beading and graffiti.
£425.00

It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with the work to be funded from the Good for Leigh budget.

- h) Leigh Art Trail – Application for Grant Funding for 2012 – (Appendix 7 to the agenda)

Cllrs Donald Fraser and Jerry Holden would produce a set of questions for the applicant to respond to before reconsidering the grant.

- i) Skate Park – appointment of Contractor

The Committee **RESOLVED** to appoint HAGS (£4,156) to undertake the work subject to clarification on the work needed to the drainage.

63. BUDGETS 2011/12 – Report 2010/LFE (Appendix 8 to the agenda)

The report was **noted**

64. TO EXCLUDE PUBLIC – The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

That in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the public and press be temporarily excluded from the business of the meeting (Nomination of GFL Awards)

65. Good for Leigh Awards

Four nominations were **AGREED** (Confidential Appendix 1)

The meeting closed at 9.04pm