



Leigh-on-Sea Town Council

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Chairman: Cllr Carole Mulroney
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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEIGH-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 13th JUNE 2012 AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, 67 ELM ROAD, LEIGH-ON-SEA

Present: Cllrs: Carole Mulroney (Chairman), Margaret Cotgrove, Syrie Cox, Geoff Crawford, Donald Fraser, Jerry Holden, Pat Holden, Paul Lawrence, Caroline Parker, Cliff Passmore, Patsy Ryan (from Min 20) and David Stanley.

Also in attendance: Paul Beckerson (Town Clerk) and Hilary Davison (Salvation Army).

Prayers were read by former Cllr Hilary Davison.

The meeting opened at 7.32pm

20. OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman announced that former Councillor Reta Cocks was improving after her recent stroke. Among the events attended was a visit to Little Havens which had proved an interesting and enlightening afternoon and a Street Party in Tankerville Drive on the Jubilee Sunday. The Jubilee Beacon Lighting Event on Monday 4th June had proved to be a very successful event and thanks were recorded to the Leigh Lions for their involvement in the event. The Planning for Real consultation event had taken place at the Leigh Community Centre.

21. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were none.

22. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: Mark Bromfield, Alex Coulson, Richard Herbert and John Wren

23. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were none

24. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

There were none

25. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the 9th May 2012 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

26. COMMITTEES

- a) Planning Committee – The minutes of the meetings held on the 8th and 22nd May 2012 were noted with the exception of Minute 8 which was taken later in the meeting.
- b) Allotments Committee – The minutes of the meeting of the 16th May 2012 were noted.
- c) Leisure, Foreshore & Environment Committee – The minutes of the meeting held on the 17th May 2012 were noted.
- d) Finance & General Purposes Committee – The minutes of the meeting held on the 6th June 2012 were noted with the exception of Minutes 17, 19, 22, 23 and 24.

Min 16 - Cllr Donald Fraser proposed a change of Council representation from 2 to 3. On a vote this was **lost**

Council considered the following **RECOMMENDATIONS**:

Minute 17:

The revisions contained in Report 2066/TC as amended to Council for adoption (Appendix 2 F&GPC Minutes) were **RESOLVED**

Minute 19:

That the following be vired to the Community Centre Fund

- £1,250 of the Grants to Outside Organisations
- £4,400 of the Flower Baskets Budget

The Leigh Folk Festival had asked that the Council reconsider funding the Folk Festival in 2012/13. It was **RESOLVED**: that the Council reaffirm the decision of F&GPC not to offer a grant in this financial year.

The virements were **RESOLVED**.

It was **RESOLVED** to suspend Standing Order 11 and discuss Minute 16(b) (Heads of Terms) later in the meeting.

27. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

Income and Expenditure Account, Balance Sheet and supporting notes to accounts for consideration and approving (Appendix 1 to the agenda)

It was **RESOLVED** that the accounts be approved

28. ANNUAL RETURN

It was **RESOLVED** that Section 1 Accounting Statements, Section 2 Annual Governance Statement and explanation of variance (Appendix 2 to the agenda) be approved for signing and submission to the external auditors.

29. FINANCIAL REPORT

It was **RESOLVED**: that the Income & Expenditure Report 2063/I&E be approved, (Appendix 3 to the agenda).

30. ELM ROAD CONSULTATION EVENT (Planning Minute 8)

A visual presentation of the event provided by the consultants was shown to members.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the recommendation contained in the minute of the Planning Committee on 22nd May 2012 as the Council's submission to the planning consultants and to request that residents' and elderly groups within the town be included in the consultation process.

31. MOTION 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 excluded and they are instructed to withdraw (SO.1(c)) - (contractual)

Start of confidential business

32. HEADS OF TERMS (PROPOSED ADDITIONAL CLAUSE)

Members discussed the implications of the proposed clause at some length. An amended clause was discussed for submission to the Borough Council as contained in Confidential Appendix 1.

The Council **RESOLVED** to submit the revised clause to Southend Borough Council and to seek legal advice on the format of the terms and conditions.

End of confidential business

The meeting closed at 8.53pm

CONFIDENTIAL APPENDIX 1 – COUNCIL MINUTES 13th June 2012

31. AMENDED CLAUSE

“In the event that it is not viable to keep open the former Connexions building shown edged blue on the plan attached to this lease then the Tenant will hire space in the Premises to the Council (or the hirers of the said Connexions building directly) for the users who at the date hereof are using the said Connexions building provided always that such hire shall be at the normal relevant hire rate and shall be subject to availability and that the use shall comply in all respects with the tenant’s terms and conditions for hiring and use of the premises at all times PROVIDED THAT any agreed alterations necessary to the premises to accommodate the said users shall be carried out at the expense of the Landlord.”

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