



Leigh-on-Sea Town Council

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEIGH-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 11th JULY 2012 AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, 67 ELM ROAD, LEIGH-ON-SEA

Present: Cllrs: Carole Mulroney (Chairman), Margaret Cotgrove, Syrie Cox, Donald Fraser, Richard Herbert, Pat Holden (from Min 38d), Paul Lawrence, Caroline Parker, Cliff Passmore and Patsy Ryan.

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

Prayers were read by Major John Carmichael

The meeting opened at 7.33pm

32. OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman had not attended any events over the last month and reminded members that the Farmers' Market was taking place next week on Friday 20th July. Members were also encouraged to come to meetings fully prepared, having read the agenda and accompanying reports.

33. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were none.

34. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: Mark Bromfield, Alex Coulson, Jerry Holden, David Stanley and John Wren
The Council **RESOLVED** to grant Cllr Alex Coulson leave of absence for a period of three months on the grounds of ill health.

35. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were none

36. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

There were none

37. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the 13th June 2012 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

38. COMMITTEES

- a) Planning Committee – The minutes of the meetings held on the 12th and 26th June 2012 were noted with the correction that Cllr Caroline Parker had tendered apologies for the meeting of the 26th June.
- b) Leisure, Foreshore & Environment Committee – The minutes of the meeting held on the 21st June 2012 were noted.
- c) Transport and Highways Committee – The minutes of the meeting of the 20th June 2012 were noted.
- d) Finance & General Purposes Committee – The minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd July 2012 were noted with the exception of Minutes 34 and 36.

Min 35 – A motion was put to Council to reconsider this item under SO 4d

It was **RESOLVED** that the sum of £3,500 be allocated to progress the redecoration of the Lower Hall. In the event of the price being more than £3,500 the decision is delegated to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Council considered the following **RECOMMENDATIONS**:

Minute 34:

The Council **RESOLVED** to adopt the Code of Conduct as amended. This may be subject to further amendment when Southend BC has adopted their Code of Conduct latter in the month.

Minute 36:

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllrs Syrie Cox and Carole Mulroney be the Council's representatives on the Leigh Community Centre Advisory Board.

39. MOTION UNDER SOs 5(a)(xvi) and 14(a) and (b) AUTHORISATION TO SEAL LEGAL DEEDS BY THE COUNCIL'S COMMON SEAL

The Town Clerk is authorised to use the Common Seal to seal the lease for the Leigh Community Centre in consultation with the Chairman and Cllr Richard Herbert.

40. 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)) - (staffing)

Start of confidential business

41. STAFFING RESTRUCTURE

Members **RESOLVED** to confirm the Staffing Restructure 'Towards a New Council Structure' Option 1 of the report to Personnel Sub-Committee of 24th May 2012

End of confidential business

42. FINANCIAL REPORT

It was **RESOLVED** that the Income and Expenditure Report 2074/I&E be approved – (Appendix 1 to the agenda)

The meeting closed at 8.20pm