



# Leigh-on-Sea Town Council

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Chairman: Cllr Carole Mulrone  
Vice Chairman: Cllr Caroline Parker  
Town Clerk: Paul Beckerson



## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEIGH-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 10th OCTOBER 2012 AT THE LEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE, 71-73 ELM ROAD, LEIGH-ON-SEA

Present: Cllrs: Carole Mulrone (Chairman), Mark Bromfield, Geoff Crawford, Donald Fraser, Richard Herbert, Jerry Holden, Pat Holden, Paul Lawrence, Caroline Parker, Patsy Ryan and David Stanley

Also in attendance: Paul Beckerson (Town Clerk) and Major John Carmichael (Salvation Army) and 1 member of the public. Prior to the meeting prayers were read by Major John Carmichael.

### ***The meeting opened at 7.38pm***

#### 55. OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman reminded members that they were required to fill in their Declaration of Interest Forms and these were now due. Belfairs School had been visited on the occasion of becoming an Academy and it was advised that the new Head Teacher was keen on re-establishing links with the Council and send a student representative to the LF&E Committee meetings.

The Centenarian's Birthday celebrations had been attended together with a supper with the Bishop of Bradwell. There had been two Cemetery clean-ups one collecting 12 bags of rubbish the other 5. The Chairman and Cllr Donald Fraser had attended the EALC Larger Local Council's Forum at South Woodham Ferrers where a presentation on the new Code of Conduct was delivered.

The Chairman requested volunteers for the Leigh Lights Night in whatever capacity they were capable of undertaking.

#### 56. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were none

#### 57. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: Alex Coulson, Margaret Cotgrove, Syrie Cox, Cliff Passmore and John Wren

#### 58. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were none

#### 59. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

There were none

#### 60. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2012 were agreed and signed by the Chairman with the following amendments. Add Cllr Geoff Crawford to the present list, the following amendment to paragraph 2 "Carmichael (Salvation Army) and 1 member of the public. Prior to the meeting prayers were read by Major John Carmichael". Minute 49(c) the date should be 19<sup>th</sup> July not 18<sup>th</sup> July.

#### 61. COMMITTEES

- a) Planning Committee – The minutes of the meetings held on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September 2012 were **noted**.
- b) Allotments Committee – Cllr Donald Fraser expressed concern over the devolution of services and the loss of service occasioned by the loss of the Allotments Maintenance Officer. Some members also expressed concern on the proposals to place the allotments in trust ownership.

Minute 33 – Renewal of Licence and Erection of Fence

It was **RESOLVED** that the licence be renegotiated on the same terms as a General Allotments Tenancy and that the details of the proposed fencing be part of the negotiations.

The minutes of the meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> September 2012 were **noted**.

- c) Leisure, Foreshore & Environment Committee – The minutes of the meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2012 were **noted** with the exception of minute 26c.

Minute 26c:

A proposal was put to Council that Standing Orders are changed to transfer the responsibility for flower baskets to the Transport and Highways Committee. Proposed Cllr Caroline Parker, Seconded Cllr Jerry Holden.

On being put to the vote the proposal was **LOST**

Council **RESOLVED** that the flower baskets are reinstated for 2013 and that the Committee would include provision for this within its budget in October (in 2012 this was £5000).

- d) Finance & General Purposes Committee – The minutes of the meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2012 were **noted** with the exception of Minutes 70, 74, 75, 77 and 81

Council considered the following **RECOMMENDATIONS**:

Minute 70: REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS

The adjustment to the Standing Orders and all the remits of Working Parties would be part of the review.

Minute 74: SLCC NATIONAL CONFERENCE 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> October 2012 Report 2102/TC

It was **RESOLVED** that the attendance of the Town Clerk (£385 plus travel as last year) be approved.

Minute 75: COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGER'S REPORT

It was **RESOLVED** that a licence be applied for to hold wedding ceremonies in the Community Centre (Marriages (Approved Premises) Regulations 1995 (Appendix 4 of the report). The cost of £1600 to be taken from the LCC Contingencies Budget. To set a charge for the use of licence in line with other local venue charges and to budget in the years 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16 £550 for the licence renewal. The Committee further **agreed** to the possible additional costs of furniture and signage alluded to on page 32 of the agenda.

Minute 77: REFERENCES FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

It was **RESOLVED** that the LF&E Committee Lights supplementary budget of £3,924 to the Council to be covered by likely underspends and unpaid accruals as outlined in the report

Minute 81: TO CONSIDER DEPOSITING COUNCIL FUNDS WITH THE PUBLIC SECTOR DEPOSIT FUND (INSTANT ACCESS HIGHER YIELDS)

It was **RESOLVED** that an account be opened with the Public Sector Deposit Fund with £25,000 and that a further amount be approved at the next meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Carole Mulroney and seconded by Cllr Pat Holden.

62. FINANCIAL REPORT

It was **RESOLVED** that the Income and Expenditure Report 2101/I&E be approved – (Appendix 1 to the agenda)

**The meeting closed at 8.36pm**