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Chairman: Cllr Carole Mulroney
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Town Clerk: Paul Beckerson



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 18th DECEMBER 2012 AT LEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE, 71-73 ELM ROAD. LEIGH-ON-SEA

Present Cllrs: Richard Herbert (Chairman), Geoff Crawford, Carole Mulroney and Patsy Ryan

In attendance: Cllr Donald Fraser, Paul Beckerson (Town Clerk)

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

17. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting and reported that the PHAB all day event had been a success although some important lessons had been learned.

The Council have engaged an Acoustician who has been talking to SBC's Environmental Health Officer about the specific condition regarding noise limiters and they have agreed that the avoidance of a statutory nuisance was the important thing not how it was achieved. The Town Council are now looking into sound limiting devices for a PA system and sound proofing options.

18. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Mark Bromfield, Syrie Cox and Caroline Parker

19. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4th DECEMBER 2012

The minutes of 4th December 2012 were agreed and signed by the Chairman with the addition in 21 (1) after "Staff" add "and recommending the appointment to Personnel Sub-Committee".

20. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None

21. CONSIDERATION OF THE POSSIBLE SITING OF OTHER RELOCATED SERVICES WITHIN THE LCC

Members discussed the implications for the Centre regarding Royal Mail's closure of the London Road Sorting Office, possible use of Community Centre as a collection point and other community services that may present similar problems.

In conclusion a motion was proposed by Cllr Patsy Ryan and seconded by Cllr Carole Mulroney

'LTC will positively seek to retain and improve the Community Services currently provided in Leigh, which may include provision on the Elm Road Site.'

The motion was **RECOMMENDED** to Council for adoption

22. THE LONG TERM FUTURE OF THE NORTHERN PART OF THE ELM ROAD SITE

The Committee wished to see the site remain in community use and for the LCC to be improved and enhanced even if this required a further financial commitment from the Council. An addition to the previous motion was proposed by Cllr Carole Mulroney and seconded by Cllr Patsy Ryan.

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It was **RESOLVED** to add this to the previous motion and that the combined motion be **RECOMMENDED** to Council.

‘LTC will positively seek to retain and improve the Community Services currently provided in Leigh, which may include provision on the Elm Road Site to which the Council has a long term commitment.’

23. BUDGET REPORT – Report 2136/LCC – 12th December 2012 – (Appendix 1 to the agenda)

Members enquired about the provision of refreshments when Metal Culture was not operating. It was reported that Coffee Vending Machine was not currently operational and that the Friends had provided teas and coffees to the Camera Club on a Thursday night. The vending machine had taken £177.10 against a cost of £191.63 in stock; the amount of stock remaining was unknown.

The Committee requested the Centre Manager to provide a report to the next meeting into the use of the vending machines and how refreshments would be made available during the hours of opening when the Café was shut.

24. 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 in item 9 the public and press be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw (SO.1(c)) - (Contractual)

25. CONSIDERATION OF THE IMPLICATIONS AND PRACTICALITY OF LOCATING OF SBC TENANTS WITHIN THE LCC.

Members discussed the likely impact that relocation would have on the operation and viability of the Centre. In order to consider this properly the Committee would seek answers to the following questions.

- Which groups would SBC be seeking accommodation for?
- The exact space and facility requirements?
- The exact storage requirements?
- The period when the space would be required?

The meeting closed at 9.06pm