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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LEISURE, FORESHORE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
HELD AT 7.30PM ON THURSDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2012 AT THE LEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE,
71-73 ELM ROAD, LEIGH-ON-SEA

Present Cllrs: Carole Mulroney (Chairman), Donald Fraser, Pat Holden, Paul Lawrence, Caroline Parker (from Min. 26a) and Patsy Ryan (from Min. 26a)

In attendance: Paul Beckerson (Town Clerk)

The meeting opened at 7.35pm

22. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting after the summer break.

23. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs, Mark Bromfield, Alex Coulson, Richard Herbert and David Stanley

24. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTEREST

There were none.

25. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19th July 2012

The minutes of 19th July 2012 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman after a correction to minute 18, substitute 21st June for 18th May.

26. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- a) Leigh Lights Working Party 12th September 2012 – Report 2098/LLWP (Appendix 1 to the Agenda)

Cllr Pat Holden presented the report. It was suggested that the stalls could be charged out at £30 each. It was **agreed** that this would be reviewed in consultation with the Events Officer.

- b) Fishing Festival Working Party 23rd August 2012 – Report 2093/FFWP (Appendix 2 to the Agenda)

Members **noted** the report and agreed the donation of £150 to the Venture Scouts.

- c) Provision of Flower Baskets 2013 – Intention to place order

The Committee **RECOMMENDED** to Council 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) Environmental Agency – Mudflats (Appendix 3 to the agenda)

It was agreed to put the leaflet on the website and to circulate as required.

- e) Carols on Strand Wharf –To set date for Working Party meeting.

It was **agreed** to have a meeting prior to the Planning meeting on the 25th September at 7.00pm. Members of the WP to be informed and letters prepared for circulation to Tesco, Waitrose and the Co-Op for donations of mince pies.

- f) Approval of Purchase of Flying Banners from Events Equipment Budget (Temporary use outside LCC) and virements from unspent Events and Good for Leigh Budgets to cover outturn.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to approve the expenditure of £264.71 for the flying banners to be taken from the Events Equipment Budget.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to vire the following amounts into the Events Equipment Budget:

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| From Easter Event | £173.00 |
| From May Day Event | £111.00 |
| From Good for Leigh | £137.25 |

- g) Old Town Community Group Minutes 16th July2012 (Appendix 1 circulated at the meeting)

The minutes were **noted**.

27. BUDGETS 2012/13 – Report 2095 (Appendix 3 to the agenda)

There appeared to be a difference between the main Committee budget totals and the LFE Budget report. The Town Clerk would look into this and report back.

The brought forward figure of £1,400 in Lights Budget should not be there (as it relates to 2010/11) and would be removed. The Skate Park Budget should have a carry forward figure of £3,075 (2011/12 earmarked reserve) and be included in the total figure of that budget as well as in the summary.

With those corrections the report was **noted**

The meeting closed at 9.27pm



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OLD TOWN COMMUNITY GROUP Meeting 16th July 2012

Present: Carole Mulroney (Chairman), Cllrs Donald Fraser, Pat Holden, Paul Lawrence, Richard Herbert, Margaret Buckey (Leigh Society), Lynne Jones (SBC Foreshore Officer), Nick James (Vice Chairman), Paul Gilson (Fisherman), Colin Sedgwick (Mike's Boatyard).

In attendance: Vivien Choppen (Assistant to Town Clerk)

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting, thanked Nick James for chairing the last meeting and made general introductions.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Ben Smith (Resident) and Ian Johnson (Scouts),

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 23rd APRIL 2012

The minutes of the 23rd April 2012 were signed as a correct record.

4. FOLK FESTIVAL FEEDBACK

Residents were not happy with the cleanliness of Strand Wharf following the Folk Festival. SBC contractual arrangements for cleaning the Wharf at the end of an event were not known, as opposed to the requirements for the main High Street. Taking the matter forward as a lesson learnt from the experience, the Group considered that perhaps a deposit for the use of Strand Wharf in future may be a sensible approach. The Group thanked Nick James for the cleaning up job he took on himself.

5. REVIEW OF ACTION OR PROGRESS SINCE LAST MEETING

a) **Bell Wharf**

Lynne Jones reported that from May of each year Resort Services (Pier and Foreshore) take on the responsibility for Bell Wharf and that the Wharf has been cleaned and abandoned items removed.

b) **Victoria Wharf Shower Drainage**

Lynne Jones reported that the drainage channel has been cleared out. No one knows why proper drainage had not been installed originally. However SBC certainly did not have funds at present to install a better system. Cllr Paul Lawrence asked if the contractor who cleans the toilets could also clean the shower drainage channel at the same time. Lynne Jones anticipated problems with this suggestion but said that her staff would keep an eye on the situation and clean it periodically.

c) The New Buoy

The new red buoy is now in place.

d) Pedestrian Access from Cockle Row to Leigh Station

Various ideas for improving the safety of pedestrians exiting from the side exit (steps to car park) on bridge to the side of the Railway Station were discussed (eg installing bollards, lowering the height of bridge wall, installing a pelican crossing, installing a wicket gate). All were worthy suggestions but each involved extra costs that were not available at present. The Group concluded that a letter to Andrew Meddle asking if the recently installed mirror could be repositioned and that a sign is put up advising pedestrians to use the mirror.

e) Parking Stress in Old Leigh

LTC Transport & Highways Committee has put forward a request to SBC for a 'Limited Parking Beyond this Point' sign be installed at the western end of the High Street to help deter cruising in the Old Town.

6. CRIME & DISORDER

Cllr Carole Mulroney stated that as a result of attending the Neighbourhood Action Panel, she could report that no crime or disorder problems had occurred. This has been helped by the poor weather.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No planning applications affecting the Old Town have been received since the last meeting.

8. OTHER MATTERS

a) Clamping Signs at Gas Wharf

Cllr Richard Herbert undertook to investigate the rights of the local company to operate a clamping operation on this stretch of beach.

b) Road Closures – Olympic Weekend

Cllr Carole Mulroney undertook to find out the road closure arrangements and for these to be advertised on the LTC website.

c) The Shelter on the Cinderpath

The Group asked LTC staff to pursue Lynne Jones's approach to having a sponsor for the shelter.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was set for Monday 8th October at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.45pm