



Leigh-on-Sea Town Council

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



Minutes of 18th Annual Town Meeting – 25th April 2013, 7.30 pm at Leigh Community Centre, Elm Road

Present: Councillors: Caroline Parker (Chairman), Paul Lawrence (Vice Chairman), Margaret Cotgrove, Syrie Cox, Donald Fraser, Richard Herbert, Jerry Holden, Pat Holden, Carole Mulroney, Patsy Ryan, David Stanley and John Wren

Borough Councillors: James Courtney, Alan Crystall, Faye Evans, Nigel Holdcroft and Georgina Phillips.

David Amess M.P.

Plus 56 members of the public

The meeting opened at 7.34pm

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the Annual Town Meeting. She then introduced all the Councillors present on the stage.

2. Apologies

Councillors: Mark Bromfield and Geoff Crawford – Rob Tinlin (SBC Town Clerk), Peter Dolby, Mike King, Father Clive

3. Minutes of the 17th Annual Town Meeting were agreed and signed

4. Annual Accounts of the Council year ending March 2013

The meeting noted the accounts. (Appendix 1 to the Agenda)

5. Details of the balances and expenditure up to date year 2013/14

The balances were noted and there were no questions. (Appendix 2 to the Agenda)

6. Observations on the Town Council Budget 2014/15

There were no observations. (Appendix 3 to the Agenda)

7. Annual Report of the Town Council

The Chairman reported on the work of the Council over the past year. (Appendix 4 to the Agenda)

8. Annual Reports from Committee Chairmen (Appendix 5 to the Agenda))

Cllr Pat Holden (Planning Committee)

Cllr Paul Lawrence (Allotments Committee)

Cllr Caroline Parker (Transport and Highways Committee)

Cllr Carole Mulroney (Leisure, Foreshore and Environment Committee)

Cllr Donald Fraser (Community Transport Sub-Committee)

Cllr Richard Herbert (Leigh Community Centre Committee)

9. Good for Leigh Awards

Presentations were made to Sarah Mathis of the Crooked Billet for all the money she has raised for charity from the events she has organised over the last two years and Grahame Harding for his contribution in helping keep Leigh clean.

10. **Observations from Guests**

Cllr Alan Crystall (SBC) praised the work the Town Council undertook on behalf of the residents of Leigh.

Cllr Nigel Holdcroft, Leader Southend Borough Council (SBC) thanked the Town Council for the work it undertakes on behalf of the residents of Leigh, it gave Leigh a voice and ensured that it got its deserved share of investment. He wished the Council best for the future as this was the last time he would be attending on behalf of SBC as he was retiring from the Council in May.

11. **Observations from the MP for Southend West David Amess**

David Amess MP thanked all the Councillors who were and had served the Council, doing an exemplary job for its residents.

12. **Resolutions of which written notice has been received**

There were none.

13. **Questions and comments from residents and electors of Leigh-on-Sea**

13.1 **Peter Monk**

Asked if the poor lighting in some streets in Leigh was likely to be approved?

From **Cllr Nigel Holdcroft**

There were plans to implement a capital programme across the Borough to replace all lights with new LED ones. SBC had no plans to switch off lights at night.

13.2 **Mr Smart**

The hedge in Church Hill was still overgrown?

From **Cllr Nigel Holdcroft**

The hedge was privately owned and SBC would approach the owners to try to resolve the matter.

13.3 **Sally Hayes**

Asked why the 2 hour parking limits had not been applied to London Road.

From **Cllr Nigel Holdcroft**

SBC would always look at suggestions and consider them assessing the demand and budgetary consequences.

13.4 **Mr Gerald Brazier**

Asked the Chairman of Allotments why they had increased the rents for 2014 despite the fact that savings were being achieved through the Allotment Service Agreements.

From **Cllr Paul Lawrence**

While admin costs were less there was an ongoing capital programme to extend the security fencing to the benefit of all allotment holders.

13.5 **Mike Dolby**

There was a problem with rubbish deposits in the alleyways between Rectory Grove and Broadway West.

From **Cllr Nigel Holdcroft**

Most of these were in private ownership but SBC would ascertain and ownership and wherever possible ensure they are cleared.

13.6 **Jan Andrews**

Asked when the façade of the Community Centre was going to be renovated?

From **Cllr Richard Herbert**

There were at the moment quotations being sought to undertake the work and it was hoped to carry this out over the summer period.

13.7 **Hilary Davison**

There was despite being pointed out previously no signage to indicate where parking was available in Leigh, especially the Elm Road Car Park.

From **Cllr Nigel holdcroft**

SBC would look into this.

14. **Conclusion**

The Chairman thanked those attending and ***closed the meeting at 8.43pm***