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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.30PM
ON WEDNESDAY 4th SEPTEMBER 2013 AT LEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE, 71-73 ELM ROAD,
LEIGH-ON-SEA

Present Cllrs: Mark Bromfield (Chairman), Syrie Cox, Geoff Crawford, Richard Herbert, Jerry Holden, Pat Holden, Paul Lawrence, Carole Mulroney, Caroline Parker, Cliff Passmore and David Stanley.

In attendance: Cllrs Donald Fraser and John Wren, Paul Beckerson (Town Clerk), Vanda Moyse (LCC Manager), Echo Reporter and two members of the public.

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

25. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting.

26. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none

27. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3rd JULY 2013

The minutes of 3rd July 2013 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

28. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Cllr Carole Mulroney declared a non-pecuniary interest in Leigh Maritime of which she is a Director.

29. THE VICE-CHAIRMAN TOOK THE CHAIR FOR AGENDA ITEM 5 – MOTIONS SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLORS TO LCCC

30. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 4a TO ENABLE MOTIONS ON THE AGENDA TO BE DEBATED AT THE MEETING

The motion to suspend SO 4a invoking SO 5a (xxiii) and SO 35a was proposed by Cllr Richard Herbert, seconded Cllr Carole Mulroney.

Members debated the use of SO 5a (xxiii) with the Chairman of Personnel Sub-Committee reading verbal advice she had received from NALC via EALC.

That in their view it is not legitimate to use SO 5 xxiii to suspend standing orders to deal with a matter on the agenda that is already illegitimate because it breaches SO 4a.

Therefore item 5 cannot be discussed tonight.

(SO 5 xxiii to suspend standing orders is for the purposes of conducting business that cannot otherwise be dealt with)

As a consequence the Seconder withdrew their support, following which the proposer withdrew the motion and requested the Chairman to convene an Extra-Ordinary meeting to discuss the motions as a matter of urgency.

31. THE CHAIRMAN TOOK THE CHAIR.

32. COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGER'S REPORT – Report 2246/VM (Appendix 1 to the agenda)

The LCC Manager highlighted certain aspects of the report. The website was nearing completion and would be presented to the LCCC within the next week. The Chairman of the Presentation WP reminded members that it would go to them for comments.

There had only been two weeks of low bookings during August and this had enabled caretakers to progress maintenance work around the LCC. The kitchen from Connexions had been removed and installed in the LCC at minimal cost to the Council.

The caretaker uniforms would be delivered during the next few days.

The Committee **noted** the report.

33. CONSIDERATION OF BURSARY FOR LEIGH MARITIME

The Committee **RESOLVED** to grant a bursary of £137.28 to the group for bi-monthly meetings for a year.

34. DEMOLITION OF CONNEXIONS BUILDING AND PARKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR LCC – Report 2250/TC (Appendix 2 to the agenda)

Members expressed the wish to obtain more permits over and above the three offered at a discounted rate and generally approved the revised parking arrangements to the front of the building as set out in the report, although there was an opinion offered that favoured the retention of the disabled bay adjacent to the front door.

The Town Clerk is to organise a Protocol meeting (Chairman and Vice Chairman of Council) with the Leader of SBC and appropriate officers to address the issue of parking for the LCC

35. BUDGET REPORT – Report 2255/LCC – (Appendix 3 to the agenda)

Members noted that the Internal Maintenance Budget was nearly spent, it was **RESOLVED** to vire £2,500 from Contingencies to address this situation.

Members wished to record their thanks to the LCC Manager and staff for the excellent outturn as indicated in the Income Report.

The reports were **noted**.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm