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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 2nd APRIL 2014 AT LEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE, 71-73 ELM ROAD. LEIGH-ON-SEA

Present Cllrs: Richard Herbert (Chairman), Syrie Cox, Donald Fraser, Geoff Crawford, Jerry Holden, Pat Holden, Paul Lawrence, Carole Mulroney and Caroline Parker and David Stanley

In attendance: Paul Beckerson (Town Clerk), Ros Coffey (LCC Manager), One member of the public

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

110. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting.

111. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none

112. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 5th MARCH 2014

The minutes of the meeting of 5th March 2014 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

113. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Cllr Richard Herbert declared a pecuniary interest in Minute 119 – Bursary Fund application from Narcotics Anonymous – Relationship to the applicant.

114. INTRODUCTION OF NEW LCC MANAGER

Ros Coffey introduced herself to the Committee.

115. COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGER'S REPORT

Website, Members **agreed** that no further work should be carried out on the website and that the Chairman and Cllr Jerry Holden should meet with the LCC Manager and decide on a way forward.

116. VISION FOR FUTURE – Report 2339/RH (Appendix 1 to the agenda)

Members discussed the report and how and what options should be presented to the public for consultation. It was generally **agreed** that the main thrust should relate to uses of the building and not what redevelopment or refurbishment should take place.

RECOMMENDATION IN AGENDA

That this committee stages a presentation in the foyer at the annual town meeting, based on the attached report, and that this forms the beginning of an ongoing consultation process in a similar fashion to SBC's Elm Road Development brief consultation and that we use this information to assist us in our consideration of the possible future of the community centre

For the sake of clarity, the Committee are not being asked to express any preference for any of the options presented (nor are these the only options which could be considered) or to examine the options in any detail. This is simply a first step to discovering what options are open to us.

An amendment was proposed to the recommendation.

That this committee stages a presentation of the Council's achievements since taking over the Community Centre in the foyer at the annual town meeting and that this forms an introduction to the consultation process similar to SBC's Elm Road Development brief consultation and that the Council use the information gleaned to assist it in its consideration of possible uses within the Community Centre.

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Proposed Cllr Carole Mulroney; Seconded Cllr Paul Lawrence.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to agree the amended recommendation.

117. LIASION WORKING PARTY

It was proposed that the membership should be the Chairman and Vice Chairman with Cllrs Jerry Holden and Carole Mulroney.

Proposed Cllr Richard Herbert; Seconded Cllr Syrie Cox.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to agree the membership.

It was proposed that the Working Party meet to draft Terms of Reference and these are presented to Council for adoption.

Proposed Cllr Jerry Holden; Seconded Cllr Paul Lawrence.

The Committee **RECOMMENDED** the Terms of Reference to Council (To follow)

118. FAÇADE QUOTES – Confidential Appendix 1

As there was only one quote so far it was proposed that they be in a more detailed format to be prepared by the Town Clerk and that consideration is deferred until the next meeting.

Proposed Cllr Carole Mulroney; Seconded Cllr David Stanley.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to agree the proposal.

119. BURSARY FUND APPLICATIONS (Appendix 2 to the agenda)

Cllr Richard Herbert left the meeting

The Committee **RESOLVED** to agree the application from Narcotics Anonymous in the sum of £264.52.

Cllr Richard Herbert re-joined the meeting

The Committee deferred the application from Leigh Regatta pending further information. The LCC Manager to progress and bring back to next meeting.

120. ELSIE'S PLACE FINANCIAL REPORT – Report 2343/PB (Appendix 3 to the agenda)

Members **noted** the report.

The Committee wished their thanks to go to the Company.

121. BUDGET REPORT – Report 2347/LCC – (Appendix 4 to the agenda)

The reports were **noted**.

The Committee **RECOMMENDED** to Council that the under-spends for 2013/14 of approximately £15,294.63 be placed in a revenue earmarked reserve for Maintenance.

122. REPORT FROM ARTIST IN RESIDENCE – Report 2340/MM (Appendix 5 to the agenda)

The Committee **noted** the report and thanked the Artist in Residence for the information.

The meeting closed at 9.28pm