



Leigh-on-Sea Town Council

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEIGH-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2015 AT LEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE, 71-73 ELM ROAD, LEIGH-ON-SEA

Present: Cllrs: Richard Herbert (Chairman), Margaret Cotgrove, Geoff Crawford, Donald Fraser, Carole Mulroney, Caroline Parker, Patsy Ryan, Jane Ward and John Wren

Also in attendance: Paul Beckerson (Town Clerk)

Prior to the meeting there was a talk and prayers which were led by Rev Jon Stannard of West Leigh Baptist Church

The meeting opened at 7.33pm

97. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman invited any Councillors who had questions about the Town Clerk's Report that they can ask questions afterwards. Attention was drawn to the training to be given by Ian Willetts on Roles and Responsibilities on 5th March and the Opening Ceremony of the Bonchurch Outdoor Gym on Saturday 14th March.

He thanked Cllr Jane Ward for organising the Prospective Councillors Evening on the 5th February and pointed out that it had been conducted using the guidance issued by NALC.

98. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Carole Mulroney declared a non-pecuniary interest as a Southend Borough Councillor as SBC are the land owner of Strand Wharf and Elm Road Car Park

99. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Mark Bromfield, Syrie Cox, Jerry Holden, Pat Holden, Valerie Morgan and David Stanley

100. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were none.

101. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

There were none.

102. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the extraordinary meeting of 28th January 2015 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

The Council **RESOLVED** to agree the revised precept resolution set out below:

As a Council Tax Rate of **£44.89** is not divisible by 9 it gives a figure of £4.76556 this will therefore become (9 x £4.76 = **£42.84** which means a reduction of £414).

The Council **RESOLVED** that the precept for 2015/16 shall be **£361,694** and would mean a Council Tax rate of **£42.84** at Band D giving a rise of £6.50 (17.89%)

103. COMMITTEES

- a. Planning and Licensing Committee – The minutes of the meetings of 8th and 27th January 2015 were **noted**.
- b. Allotments Committee – The minutes of the meeting of 21st January 2015 were **noted**.
- c. Leisure, Foreshore and Environment Committee – The minutes of the extraordinary meeting of 3rd February 2015 were **noted**.
- d. Finance and General Purposes Committee – The minutes of the meeting of 3rd February 2015 were **noted** with the exception of minutes 150, 153, 154 and 158 (separate agenda item).

- i. Minute 150 – STRATEGY & TOWN PLAN SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES 13th JANUARY 2015

- a) The Committee **RECOMMENDED** the amended restructure to Council for adoption.

Council **RESOLVED** to agree the restructure.

- b) The Committee **RECOMMENDED** the Calendar of meetings to Council for adoption.

Amendment Proposed by Cllr Donald Fraser (Proposer) and Cllr Carole Mulroney (Seconder) F&GPC Minute 150 – Calendar of Meetings

“With effect from July 2015 Meetings of Council should be held on the third **Wednesday** of alternative months.”

The amendment was put to the vote, there being an equality of votes the Chairman used his casting vote to defeat the amendment. The amendment was **lost**.

Council **RESOLVED** to agree the Calendar of Meetings as set out in Appendix 2 to the F&GPC agenda.

- c) The Committee **RECOMMENDED** the proposals set out in the report to Council and that it shall be reviewed at 3 months and 6 months.

Council **RESOLVED** to agree the Transitional Arrangements as set out in Report 2469/PB attached as Appendix 3 to the F&GPC agenda and to review them at 3 months and 6 months.

- d) The Committee **RECOMMENDED** the revised Terms of Reference to Council for adoption.

Council **RESOLVED** to agree the revised Terms of Reference.

- e) The Committee **RECOMMENDED** the changes outlined on the agenda to Council for adoption.

Council **RESOLVED** to agree the changes to Financial Regulations outlined on the F&GPC agenda.

- ii. Minute 153 - REVISED BUDGET SETTING PROCEDURE – Report 2465/PB – Officer's Report (Appendix 7 to the F&GPC agenda)

Council **RESOLVED** to agree the Budget Setting Procedure.

- iii. Minute 154 – ELM ROAD DEVELOPMENT BRIEF MODIFICATIONS – Report 2473/PB

- That LTC regrets that the possibility of creating a Civic Hub and Town Square is no longer an option and that the ability to open up the site for this purpose has been abandoned
- That the ability to bring the dead frontages to life on the Elm Road frontage has been abandoned
- That the loss of car parking on the site in an area of high parking stress will have a serious detrimental effect on the commercial centre of Leigh and the surrounding residential streets
- That the residual parking space required for the development will preclude the dual use aspect as originally proposed.
- That as a matter of principle the close proximity of busy community and commercial space and residential units is not compatible.
- Further that the red line be amended to include the Council Depot and that the text should be amended to take note of the 30 years lease now being drawn up for the Community Centre.

The Committee **RECOMMENDED** the response set out above to Council

Council added a further clause to the response:

- That the loss of car parking would be detrimental to the viability of the Leigh Community Centre.

Council **RESOLVED** to agree the response set out above and submit it to Southend Borough Council.

iv. TO NOTE INCOME AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE SINCE THE LAST MEETING

See report 2476/I&E (Appendix 2 to the agenda)

The Council noted the income and **RESOLVED** to agree the expenditure.

104. FINANCIAL REPORT – Report 2476/1&E

The item had been taken earlier in the agenda

The meeting closed at 8.14pm