



# Leigh-on-Sea Town Council

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Chairman: Cllr Richard Herbert  
Vice Chairman: Cllr Carole Mulrone  
Town Clerk: Paul Beckerson

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2015 AT LEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE, 71-73 ELM ROAD, LEIGH-ON-SEA

Present: Cllrs: Carole Mulrone (Chairman), Mark Bromfield, Richard Herbert, Valerie Morgan, Vivien Rosier and Jane Ward

Also in attendance: Cllr Donald Fraser, Helen Symmons (Assistant Town Clerk), Paul Beckerson (Town Clerk), Mr & Mrs James (two members of the public) and Phil Jones (Echo)

### ***The meeting opened at 7.32 pm***

#### 66. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed members to the final meeting of the calendar year.

#### 67. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Jill Adair, Madelaine Hanman-Murphy, Fr. Clive Hillman and Patrick Fox

#### 68. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

***Cllr Bromfield declared a non-pecuniary interest as an allotment plot holder at Manchester Drive allotment site (both sides).***

#### 69. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2015

The minutes of 20<sup>th</sup> October 2015 were **AGREED** as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### 70. MINUTES OF COMMUNITY TRANSPORT TASK & FINISH GROUP MEETING 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2015

Cllr Fraser presented the minutes and informed the group that all recent trips had been very successful.

The Committee **NOTED** the minutes

#### 71. MINUTES OF OLD TOWN COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2015

Cllr Mulrone presented the minutes which the Committee **NOTED**

### **EVENTS**

#### 72. POTENTIAL TOURISM GROUP

The Committee were shown the SBC advertisement currently airing in Holland.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to form a Tourism Group. An invitation will be sent to all Councillors seeking 5 Councillors to form the group and then at the inaugural meeting, decide which external parties to ask to take part.

#### 73. EVENT OFFICER'S REPORT

The Committee **RESOLVED** the Leigh Maritime Festival date as Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2016

The 2016 programme will be discussed fully at the Events PDG on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016.

### ALLOTMENTS

#### 74. MARSHALL CLOSE ALLOTMENTS

The Committee **NOTED** the report and were informed the new service agreement would be signed 17<sup>th</sup> December 2016. A letter of thanks will be sent to Anne Scobie.

#### 75. MANCHESTER DRIVE – DOUBLE YELLOW LINES

The Committee noted that it was an issue with the access roads on to the site and obstruction of sight lines. Cllr Fraser informed the meeting that many day time bus services had been withdrawn because of the traffic problems.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to submit a Council request to SBC Highways for the implementation of double yellow lines as requested.

### OTHER E&L MATTERS

#### 76. ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE BUDGET 2015/16

The Committee **NOTED** the financial information and the fact that traders' contributions to the Christmas lights was a lesser amount again this year. It was suggested a traders' survey sheet be linked with the Coastal Communities survey shortly to be undertaken. Cllr Mulroney will devise this.

#### 77. PARKS & GREEN SPACES STRATEGY QUESTIONNAIRE

The Committee discussed responses to the questionnaire (Appended to these minutes) – and it was **RESOLVED** that the response be forwarded to Southend Borough Council

#### 78. REFERRAL FROM COUNCIL MEETING 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2015

Cllr Mulroney has spoken with SBC who advised that as this is private land, the Council are unable to erect signage upon it.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to ask Southend BC to send a letter to neighbouring residents to politely request that they dispose of their rubbish correctly and at the appropriate time and do not allow it to accumulate and create an environmental issue.

It was noted that a similar problem had occurred that week in Leigh Road but is being dealt with by Southend BC.

Any residents with problems of a similar nature can report to SBC if on Highway land and they will attend to the matter.

***The meeting closed at 8.10 pm with the Chairman wishing all a very Merry Christmas***

Given the above, we would welcome your feedback on the following areas;

**Q1. Please indicate how far you agree / disagree with the areas identified within the draft Parks & Green Spaces Strategy as being the key priority areas within the Borough over the next five years?**

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
To provide and maintain good quality parks and open spaces	X				
To connect these spaces with a well maintained, attractive street scene	X				
To provide recreation and sports facilities to encourage active, healthy lifestyles	X				
To protect and promote our natural green heritage and biodiversity preserving it for future generations	X				
To encourage community involvement in the development and management of green spaces	X				
<b>Additional comments:</b>					

**Q2. Are there any areas which you consider a priority for Southend-on-Sea which you feel should be included within the draft strategy? (Please provide details where appropriate.)**

TWO TREE ISLAND THIS IS AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT WILDLIFE & OPEN FACILITY, BADLY AFFECTED BY LITTER & DOG EXCREMENT. MEASURES NEED TO BE PUT IN PLACE TO MAKE AN ENJOYABLE AREA FOR ALL & TO BENEFIT THE WILDLIFE.

PRITTEBROOK GREENWAY THIS PUBLIC WALK WAY ROUTE & CYCLE ROUTE ROUTINELY IS AFFECTED BY RUBBISH BOTH IN THE BROOK & FROM NEIGHBOURING PROPERTIES (PHOTOS CAN BE SUPPLIED). ADDITIONALLY THERE IS THE NEED FOR REGULAR MAINTENANCE OF GREEN AREAS I.E. IVY & BRAMBLE REMOVAL.

One of the key priority areas identified is encouraging greater community involvement in the development and management of green spaces.

**Q3. Would you be prepared to volunteer some of your time on specific community projects or initiatives within any of the borough's parks of green spaces?** (By answering 'Yes' to this question you are not committing yourself to anything)

Yes

No

Maybe

**Q4. If you answered 'Yes' or 'Maybe' to Q3 please indicate which geographical location in the borough you might be prepared to volunteer at:**

LEIGH  
LEIGH TOWN COUNCIL ALREADY PERFORMS LITTER PICKS IN AREAS  
AND MANAGES OVER 20 ACRES OF ALLOTMENT SITES

**Please provide your contact details (optional):**

**Q5. Are there any other comments / observations you would like to make on the draft strategy?**

THE DRAFT STRATEGY IN LTC OPINION WAS THOROUGH.