



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 TUESDAY 19TH APRIL 2016 AT LEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE, 71-73 ELM ROAD, LEIGH-ON-SEA

Present: Cllrs: Carole Mulrone (Chairman), Mark Bromfield, Patrick Fox, Fr. Clive Hillman, Valerie Morgan, Vivien Rosier and Jane Ward

Also in attendance: Cllrs Donald Fraser, Helen Robertson plus Helen Symmons (Acting Town Clerk) and one member of the public

The meeting opened at 7.30 pm

91. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed members to the last meeting of this Committee in the Council's year and provided some information learnt recently at a Southend Borough Council Biodiversity meeting with regards to potential beach cleaning.

92. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Jill Adair and Richard Herbert

93. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

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

94. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 16TH FEBRUARY 2016

The minutes of 16th February 2016 were **AGREED** as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

95. MINUTES OF COMMUNITY TRANSPORT TASK & FINISH GROUP MEETING 1ST MARCH

The Committee **NOTED** the minutes.

96. MINUTES OF OLD TOWN COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING 7TH MARCH 2016

The Committee **NOTED** the minutes.

97. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Two questions were asked about allotments:

- Will there be another bonfire burning date as the weather was inclement at the recent one?
Reply – no alternative date will be arranged unless a considerable number of requests are made
- It is believed that some plot holders are using weed killer around their plots – does the Council have a policy regarding this?

Reply – this appears to be a contentious issue but there is no rule in the tenancy agreement. The Allotments officer will research this and add the item to the next Allotments PDG but contact Societies in the meantime if a notice is to go to tenants.

EVENTS

98. EVENTS PDG 5TH APRIL 2016 – Agenda Item 8

The Committee **NOTED** the report and **RESOLVED** that Friday 25th November will be the Leigh Lights Event in its present format. A review meeting is to be held quickly after the event.

ALLOTMENTS

99. ALLOTMENTS PDG – Agenda Item 9

The Committee **NOTED** the report and **RESOLVED**:

- That a request be made to SBC asking for double yellow lines either side of the H bar at the entrance to Manchester Drive allotments (MDAS entrance) to improve visibility when pulling out of the allotments
- That 6 water troughs be purchased (for plot holder use as agreed with LTC), although it will be suggested that if a tenant has a shed, water is harvested from guttering into a water butt.

With regard to item 7, MDAS storage container, the Committee has no objection to the re-positioning but need to see written confirmation from SBC via MDAS to confirm acceptable with or without planning permission.

REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

100. ACTION PLAN PROFORMA

The completion of the pro forma was discussed with the objective of how to interact with the community to further the work of the Committee being at the fore front. Members are to consider ideas and submit them in writing to the Acting Town Clerk **BY THE END OF MAY** so they can be included in the Agenda for the next E&L meeting.

OTHER E & L MATTERS

101. ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE BUDGET 2015/16

The Committee **NOTED** the financial information.

102. MAKE SOUTHEND SPARKLE CAMPAIGN

It was noted that we still have the Good for Leigh campaign name that can be used as a vehicle to highlight awareness.

103. CONSULTATION – PROPOSAL TO INTRODUCE STANDARD INSTRUMENT DEPARTURE PROCEDURES AT LONDON SOUTHEND AIRPORT

No comment will be made on this consultation as advice received was that there is no change to arrangements affecting Leigh-on-Sea because of existing restrictions.

The meeting closed at 8.27pm

