



# Leigh-on-Sea Town Council

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Chairman: Cllr Carole Mulroney  
Vice Chairman: Cllr Helen Robertson  
Town Clerk: Paul Beckerson

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEIGH-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2016  
AT LEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE, 71-73 ELM ROAD, LEIGH-ON-SEA

Present: Cllrs: Carole Mulroney (Chairman), Karen Bowden, Donald Fraser, Jill Healey, Richard Herbert, Fr. Clive Hillman, Declan Mulroney, Ron Owen, Caroline Parker, Helen Robertson, Vivien Rosier and Jane Ward

Also in attendance: Paul Beckerson (Town Clerk)

Prior to the meeting EALC Chairman Cllr John Gilli-Ross and CEO Joy Darby gave a presentation on the work of the EALC and answered Councillor's questions. Gavin Dixon, Leader of King's Church, then led Councillors in prayers

***The meeting opened at 7.41 pm***

80. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman and Vice Chairman had represented the Council at Remembrance services at the Southend Cenotaph and St Clement's Church, both of which had been very well attended with excellent parades. Cllr Caroline Parker had attended the Eastwood Hall for their service on behalf of the Council. Councillors were reminded of the arrangements for the Night of The Lights and asked to volunteer to assist if they had not already done so.

81. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: Jill Adair, Mark Bromfield, Patrick Fox and Valerie Morgan

82. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were none

83. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2016

The minutes of the meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

The Town Clerk gave a verbal update on his research into financial guarantees and the status of CCLA as a triple AAA Credit rated Investment Company. A written report would be presented to the next Policy and Resources Committee.

84. PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS

There were none.

85. QUESTION FROM COUNCILLORS

There were none

COMMITTEES

86. COMMITTEES – **Agenda item 7**

- a) Cllr Helen Robertson presented the minutes of the Planning, Highways and Licensing Committee of 27<sup>th</sup> September, 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> October and 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016 which were **NOTED** by Council.
- b) Cllr Richard Herbert presented the minutes of the Community Facilities Committee of 4<sup>th</sup> October 2016 which were **NOTED** by Council.
- c) Cllr Valerie Morgan presented the minutes of the Environment and Leisure Committee of 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016 which were **NOTED** by Council. There were two recommendations.

**Minute 37** – Request by Cllr Jill Adair for leave of absence on health grounds until the Annual Council meeting in May 2017.

**RESOLVED:** To agree the absence.

**Minute 45** – That responsibility for the Paddling Pool should become the remit of the Community Facilities Committee.

**RESOLVED:** That responsibility for the paddling pool be transferred to the Community Facilities Committee.

- d) Cllr J Ward presented the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016 which were **NOTED** by Council. There were two recommendations.

**Minute 52** – External Auditors' Certificate for noting.

**RESOLVED:** That the External Auditors' Certificate be noted

***Strand Wharf having been referred to Cllr C Mulronev declared a non-pecuniary interest in matters involving Strand Wharf as a Borough Councillor.***

**Minute 54** – To approve the expenditure and note the income (Report 2625/I&E – Appendix 1 to the agenda)

**RESOLVED:** That the expenditure and income in Report 2625/I&E be approved and noted respectively

DECISION ITEMS
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87. GRANT AID APPLICATIONS – **Agenda item 8**

**RESOLVED:**

- 1. To agree a grant of £324 to Tourettes Action
- 2. Not to agree a grant to Art Ministry.
- 3. To defer a decision on a grant to 3<sup>rd</sup> Chalkwell Bay Sea Scouts for further information.

88. APPLICATION FOR THE LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME QUALITY LEVEL – **Agenda Item 9**

It was **NOTED** that the Council had achieved Foundation Level in November 2016.

**RESOLVED:** That an application be made for Quality Level Award in February 2017 at a cost of £130

FOR NOTING

89. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT 2629/PB (Appendix 2 to the agenda) – **Agenda Item 10**

The report was NOTED.

Councillors passed a vote of thanks to Cheryl Hedges for all the work she had undertaken at the skate Park. Cheryl would be leaving the Council's employment at the end of the month. The Council also wished to convey thanks to Helen Symmons, who as Acting Town Clerk had advised on and arranged members' attendance on various training courses.

90. SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER 2016 – **Agenda Item 11**

The initiative and Council's involvement were **NOTED**.

91. INVESTIGATING THE CASE FOR ADDITIONAL ENFORCEMENT RESOURCES FOR SOUTHEND – REPORT 2626/HS (Appendix 3 to the agenda) – **Agenda Item 12**

The Report was **NOTED**

FINANCIAL

92. COUNCIL MAIN BUDGET REPORT (Appendix 4 to the agenda) – **Agenda Item 13**

The Report was **NOTED**

***The meeting closed at 8.16pm***