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Chairman: Cllr Valerie Morgan
Vice Chairmain: Jill Healey
Town Clerk: Helen Symmons

MINUTES OF A MEETING ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE COMMITTEE
TUESDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2018
LEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE, 71-73 ELM ROAD, LEIGH-ON-SEA

Present: Cllrs: Valerie Morgan (Chairman), Anita Forde and Fr. Clive Hillman

Also in attendance: Cllr Paul Gilson, Helen Symmons (Town Clerk) and 5 members of the public

The meeting opened at 7.30 pm

40. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS AND HOUSEKEEPING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed members and made the appropriate housekeeping announcements.

41. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: Jill Adair, Keith Evans, Jill Healey, Carole Mulroney, Declan Mulroney and Caroline Parker

42. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None.

43. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 21ST AUGUST 2018.

The minutes of 21st August 2018 were **AGREED** as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

44. PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS

None.

45. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

EVENTS

46. MERCHANT NAVY DAY AND BRENT GEESE BIRD WATCH

Both new events were well received with approximately 30 people attending the Merchant Navy morning and good footfall throughout the event of the Brent Geese Bird Watch. The RSPB and stall holders enjoyed attending and were keen to repeat the event.

It was felt that to continue both events would be ideal. The event programme will be discussed further early new year and ideas to improve both would be considered then.

47. REMEMBRANCE EVENT

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

The Chairman advised that Blade Education would be having a radio interview with BBC Essex the Wednesday before the event.

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48. LEIGH LIGHTS

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

Councillors are looking to wear themed costumes at the event.

49. CAROLS ON STRAND WHARF

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

ALLOTMENTS

50. ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATIONS LIAISON GROUP REPORT

The Committee **NOTED** the report and were pleased that the profile of the orchard is being raised.

Four members of the public left the meeting

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT TRIPS SCHEME

51. ADMINISTRATION REPORT BY MARKETING AND PROFILE OFFICER

One member of the public left the meeting

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

FARMERS' MARKET

52. ADMINISTRATION REPORT BY ASSISTANT PROPER OFFICER

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

OTHER E & L MATTERS

53. LITTER LESS LEIGH

The Committee **NOTED** the dates and were informed that the meeting point is the car park opposite the skate park.

54. FRIENDS OF LIBRARY GARDENS

The Committee **NOTED** the dates and Cllr Morgan informed the Committee of other groups expressing an interest in being involved in other green spaces. They have all been referred to the Parks Department and/or Make Southend Sparkle.

55. LEIGH REGATTA

The Chairman advised that it was a successful day and good for the Town Council to have a presence. It did seem as if many visitors were out of the area. Interest was expressed in having something attached to the gazebo to highlight that it was Leigh Town Council.

56. FLOOD & COASTAL EROSION RISK MANAGEMENT – FEEDBACK REQUIRED

The Committee discussed the question on which feedback was requested. After discussion, it was noted that it is a complicated issue but just focussing on one aspect as requested to do, it was agreed that more soft sea defences to absorb wave energy i.e. more soft beaches all along the coastline would be the response.

FINANCIAL

57. ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE BUDGET 2018/19

The Committee **NOTED** the report

58. ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE 2019/20 DRAFT BUDGET – **Agenda item 19**

The Committee **NOTED** the report and were advised that the staff allocations are as accurate as possible to reflect the amount of staff time undertaken in providing the facilities and services.

The Committee **RESOLVED** the draft budget **with RECOMMENDATION to P&R Committee.**

59. RATIFICATION OF LEIGH LIGHTS INFRASTRUCTURE PAYMENT – **Agenda item 20**

The Committee **NOTED** the report. The Town Clerk having returned from annual leave reported that she would be investigating the position more as had written confirmation from Southend Borough Council in 2017 that the infrastructure would be transferred to the new columns.

The Committee **RESOLVED to ratify this necessary expense** to ensure the Christmas Lighting display was not affected.

The meeting closed 8.10 p.m.