

# Leigh-on-Sea Town Council

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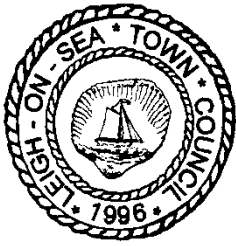
Notice is hereby given that the next meeting of the **Leisure, Foreshore & Environment Committee** of the Leigh-on-Sea Town Council will take place on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2014**, Leigh Community Centre, 71-73 Elm Road, Leigh-on-Sea commencing at **7.30pm**.

## AGENDA

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS
4. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 16<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2014
5. FARMERS' MARKET WORKING PARTY – 15<sup>th</sup> October 2014 - Report 2436/FMWP (Appendix 1)  
The Committee is requested to **note** the decisions of the Working Party.
6. STRAND WHARF WORKING PARTY – 15<sup>th</sup> October 2014 – Report 2437/SWWP (Appendix 2)  
The Committee is requested to **note** the decisions of the Working Party.
7. STRAND WHARF WORKING PARTY – 24<sup>th</sup> October 2014 – Report 2438/SWWP (Appendix 3)  
The Committee is requested to **note** the decisions of the Working Party.
8. ACTIONS FROM SKATEBOARDER'S PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL (Appendix 4)
9. SEAFRONT SHELTER UPDATE – Officer's Report to follow if any)
10. REPORT ON EASTER & MAY DAY EVENTS – Report 2440/HS (Appendix 5)
11. DRAFT BUDGET 2015/16 (Appendix 6)  
The Committee is **requested** to consider the draft budget and make recommendations to F&GPC.
12. BUDGET Report 2435 – 10<sup>th</sup> November 2014 – (Appendix 7)

Paul Beckerson  
Town Clerk  
13<sup>th</sup> November 2014

**Any member who is unable to attend the meeting should send their apologies before the meeting**



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Report 2436/FMWP

## **FARMERS' MARKET WORKING PARTY 15<sup>th</sup> October 2014**

Present: David Hammond (Convenor), Cllrs Donald Fraser and Pat Holden

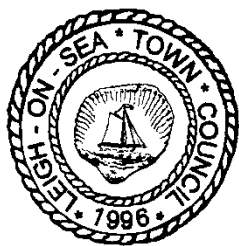
In Attendance: Paul Beckerson (Town Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr Carole Mulroney

### ***The meeting opened at 6.45pm***

1. It was **agreed** that the market would be held on Saturdays in March, August and December 2015.
2. The Working Party **agreed** the colour blue for the leaflet and to have 4,000 printed.
3. The Working Party **agreed** to keep the stall rates the same.
4. The Working Party **agreed** to have the Yardarm Folk Orchestra at the December market.

### ***The meeting closed at 7.00pm***



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Report 2437/SWWP

## **STRAND WHARF WORKING PARTY 15<sup>th</sup> October 2014**

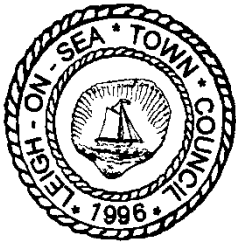
Present: Cllrs Richard Herbert, Pat Holden and Paul Lawrence

In Attendance: Paul Beckerson (Town Clerk)

### ***The meeting opened at 11.07am***

1. Red lines on plans to be consistent with each other. RL to be instructed.
2. Levels were to fall the same as the existing. AG to be informed.
3. Manholes to be raised to new levels. AG to be informed.
4. A query arose regarding the detailing of the sub-strata, AG had requested details, it was considered that this was a constructional detail to be defined later.
5. The strength of the paving regarding loading needed to be clarified, the proposed paving was robust enough.

### ***The meeting closed at 12.08pm***



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Report 2438/SWWP

## **STRAND WHARF WORKING PARTY 24<sup>th</sup> October 2014**

Present: Cllrs Richard Herbert, Pat Holden and Paul Lawrence

In Attendance: Paul Beckerson (Town Clerk)

### ***The meeting opened at 12.15pm***

The following revisions were agreed by Working Party for submission to RL.

1. The benching has been realigned as indicated on the second of the drawings on your email.
2. The paving extended to finish at the front of the fire escape.
3. Decking walkover similarly extended.
4. Access gap in benching at the request of the Heritage Centre.
5. Deletion of one bench and the other moved to replace the existing bench in situ, at request of Heritage Centre.
6. End of bench planter reversed so as not to be visible from highway.
7. Bin moved to west slightly to give walkway against Heritage Centre, this forms part of their lease.
8. Siting of information board to be conditional and in agreement with Heritage Centre.

### ***The meeting closed at 1.05pm***



## LOS Skatepark

### Who we are:

We are a group of local skaters who have been using Leigh-On-Sea Skate Park on a regular basis since its opening. We are at the core of the skateboarding community and have all been involved in previous skate park events. We have all been skating for many years and have spent a considerable amount of time using Leigh Skate Park.

### Why we're here:

We're here to voice the opinions of the users of the Skate Park and we want to put Leigh-On-Sea back on the Skate Map.



# LOS Skatepark

"Sinking park" -



## The Park's History:

There has been a skate park on the marsh lands of Leigh-On-Sea since the 80s and was so recognisable that professional skateboarders such as Tony Hawk even visited the Park.

## The Park as it stands:

As you know there is increasing concern over the public skate park the way it is.

This park is frequently used by people aged from all ages.

Over the years so many of these young people have spent a considerable amount of time at the Skate Park for many reasons.

It acts as a venue for people of all ages and backgrounds to come together and practice their passion.

Unfortunately due to poor planning the park is losing its spark and is being neglected. The space was built on marsh-land without suitable foundation to support it or prevent sinking.

Today we are left with a mediocre park which is too dangerous for the young skaters and many of the older skaters are turning away as it is unsuitable for them.

Almost all of the skaters who were skating at the time the first park was built say that they had no input into what was going to be built and as a result are left with a warm-up park rather than what they really want. With half of the "Youth Project" unused, aside from the loiterers going there to cause trouble, the space's potential is being totally wasted.

The reason we come to you today is because of the growing concern of the park's steady decline of users. Almost all of these people are turning to the streets and even travelling as far as Saffron Walden on a regular basis just for a good skate.

# LOS Skate Plaza

- LOS Skate Plaza will be a new urban feel skate park which will finally satisfy the needs of local skaters and visitors.



## LOS Skate Plaza

### Why build a Plaza?

Skateboarding is an urban sport and so, naturally skaters are always looking to skate quirky street-like obstacles. Even the word plaza to a skater has a totally different meaning to a skate park. Just look at some of the plazas in the area; Victoria Station Plaza, Southend Seafront, SEC College, the Odeon – in all of these spaces you will find skaters without a doubt.



## LOS Skate Plaza

### The benefits to the skateboarding community:

This will boost almost all aspects of Skateboarding in the Leigh-On-Sea area. It will provide a safer place to skate. It will be well-known as one of the few Street Plazas in the country. It will be more convenient for the current skaters. It will also give us a chance to get involved in the community and be a part of a project that will enrich the area and provide a service to it's residents.

### The benefits to the council:

By investing in the renovation and expansion of the current LOS Skate Park, it is not just the Skaters who will benefit from this. In doing so you are also including an otherwise excluded segment of society and their involvement in a project like this will greatly increase this community's spirit. Places which would otherwise be unmentioned are suddenly in the spot light for their famous parks. The LOS Skate Plaza will get people talking about Leigh-On-Sea again and it will be, once again, recognised as having a killer park! Parks like Mile End are jam-packed at peak times and are low-cost in comparison to the current Leigh-On-Sea Skate Park.

## LOS Skate Plaza

### The Cost:

The new park would start at £170 per square meter, this price include planning, labour, and materials for the foundations of the park.

Obstacles such as the ones that have been planned out for the new Leigh skate plaza will cost more, but nowhere near as much as they did at the older version of Leigh skate park. We have no full quotes yet. These prices we have currently are rough estimates from prices of other Skate Park builders, and also other skate parks. Here is a link to skate parks which cost under 50,000.00 USD: [http://www.skatepark.org/park-development/fundraising/2012/07/skateparks\\_under\\_100k/](http://www.skatepark.org/park-development/fundraising/2012/07/skateparks_under_100k/) many of these skate parks show on this we site are around 3000ft squared and cost around £25,000.00-£30,000.00.

We would like Gravity skate parks to build the new Skate Plaza as they have made most of the UK's best Skate Parks, such as mile end, Rayleigh, Cheddar skate, and many more for a low cost.

### Fund-Raising:

We have some ideas on how we would raise enough money for the new Skate Plaza with your help. We would like to organise events at the current park that we feel will both raise money for the cause and also show you the amount of support we have for this project. Events such as Skateboarding Competitions with prizes and giveaways can generate a lot of revenue through a pay-per-entry basis. We also had the idea of hosting a Skate Leigh day which we would provide music and refreshments at the current park also selling items by setting up stalls. We would also like to appeal for a national lottery funding and government grants.

## LOS Skate Plaza

### Future Prospects:

In the future the space could always be added to. More obstacles can always be built to even further improve what will be one of the most thought out Skate Parks in the country and to further increase the reputation of LOS Skate Park.

One of the benefits to building an extension to the park rather than starting all over is that you will be protecting your original investment and in future can expand further. We are already planning to film a skateboarding video when the new Plaza is built to even boost the reputation of the park and raise awareness across the country – this can be done very easily through social media nowadays.



## LOS Skate Plaza

Thank you for listening, we are happy to answer any questions you may have.





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Report 2440/HS

## Event Officer's Report for LF&E Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> November 2014

### SUBJECT – EASTER AND MAY DAY EVENTS

Cllr Carole Mulroney called an Events Working Party Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> October 2014 to discuss the Events Officer's propositions for the above events.

In attendance: Cllr Mulroney, Cllr Parker, Events Officer  
Apologies: Cllr P Holden

#### EASTER

This was discussed in detail with the decision to retain a similar format but change the timings of the event to 11am – 3pm as the popularity of the event was proving that the existing format could not cope with the entertainment programme.

#### **HOWEVER**

Subsequently to the meeting, HS discovered that Mayor Chris Walker is organising a Steam Fair Extravaganza over Easter weekend at Chalkwell Park. Being so close to Leigh Town, it was felt that this may impede on our event but that also it would not appear very supportive of LTC to hold a clashing event (albeit that ours has been a longstanding annual event). On reference to CM, CP and PH and with some public research the following solution is

proposed and agreement sought:

**Easter Event to be held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March in Leigh Community Centre and in the car park area immediately behind the Community Centre.**

Same format and timings. Whilst there is a cost implication of the car park area, this would be within the budget already agreed for the event. Provisional bookings are in place holding the space subject to Council agreement.

#### STRAND WHARF SPRING EVENT

Discussion took place as to the style of the event. As the event was not held last year, it was seen as an opportunity to re-vamp the May Day Celebrations. HS having witnessed the 2012 event felt that there was potential to attract a larger audience by altering the style. The past form of event i.e. May Pole dancing and May Queen is more associated with Middle England and West Country villages. Leigh clearly is not one of those and therefore it was felt that we could make our celebrations different to these, adding a uniqueness to attract our residents.

May is obviously associated with Spring, the start of better weather, growing season, rebirth etc. Additionally with Strand Wharf development it seems a natural time to recognise this rejuvenation of the area officially.

The Events Officer would like to organise the event as follows:

Hold an Italian market in Foundry Car Park – no LTC financial commitment, market will pay for this area (Italy traditionally hold May Day celebrations all across their country)

Stalls, entertainment and features on Strand Wharf, including an Opening Ceremony. The idea would be to include horticultural elements and Leigh Horticultural Society is keen to be involved, to include promotion of allotments, children's activities, wildlife features and popular entertainment. High Tide is 13:42 so could even hold the extremely popular crabbing feature.

Proposal and agreement sought:

**May Day Event to be now known as Spring Event and to be held May Day Bank Holiday in Foundry Car Park and Strand Wharf, with Italian Market and Opening Ceremony on Strand Wharf based on suggestions by the Events Officer as outlined above**

However following the EWP, without planning permission at present for Strand Wharf, the timing of the project could have a significant effect on event planning. Other options would be available to re-site the event but these could have both financial and administrative implications. If it is the committee's opinion that the Strand Wharf project will not be completed in time, then

Proposal and agreement sought:

**Events Officer to look at alternative venue sites within the Old Town to put on the Spring Event as outlined above and to be able to make a decision whether to proceed or postpone in conjunction with Chairman and Vice Chairman of LFE Committee**

## Sheet 5

## LFE Budget 1st Draft - 17-11-14

Heading	Income	Expenditure
Community Transport*	3800	8263
Flower baskets	0	6000
First Aid Provision	0	1000
Farmers' Market*	2040	1650
Skate Park		6472
Strand Wharf	0	2150
Leigh Lights*	2050	25530
Paddling Pool	0	0
Grants to outside organisations	0	2000
Maritime Festival	0	3700
May Day	0	600
Carols on Strand Wharf	0	200
Easter Event	0	1000
Other Events		500
Good for Leigh		500
Events Equipment		500
Events Van 2/5		£0
Community facilities		1000
Staff costs		8337
Totals	7890	69402
Nett cost		61512

\* see separate budgets below

Community Transport	Income	Expenditure
Staff costs		4203
Ticket sales	3800	
Trip costs		1500
Minibus hire		1300
CRB checks		200
Petrol		200
Refreshments		200
CTA membership		270
Midas Training		200
Misc		130
Driver Licence Verification		60
Totals	3800	8263
Nett cost		4463

<b>Farmers Market</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
Stall hire	2040	
Hall Hire		1000
Leaflet		450
Banners		200
Totals	2040	1650
Nett cost		-390

<b>Skate Park</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
Rent		50
Cleaning		2000
Electricity		450
Miscellaneous		200
Staff costs		2772
Skate Park Maintenance		1000
Totals		6472

<b>Strand Wharf</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
Cleaning Staff Costs		2000
Electricity		150
		2150

<b>Leigh Lights</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
Column testing 1/3		1450
Installation and removal		7100
Storage		2400
Power		300
Replacement bulbs / renewal		1100
Traders contributions	1000	
Switch-on security		3200
Entertainers		1000
Road closures, licences etc.		4500
Donations	700	700
First Aid		180
<b>Capital Renewals</b>		2000
Charges to stalls, fairs	350	
Support columns - erect and remove plus storage		1600
Totals	2050	25530
Nett cost		23480

**Planned New Expenditure**

2016/17

Skate Park Maintenance	£3,000.00
Van Lease 1/3	

£3,000.00

2017/18

Leigh Lights Refurb	£5,000.00
Van Lease 1/3	

£5,000.00

**LFE Budget 2014/15**

Heading	B/F 2013/14	Income Budget	Inc. To Date	Expenditure Budget	Spend to Date	Nett to Date	Balance	% Used
Community Transport*		4,000	1,298.00	9,461	4,465.02	3167.02	2,294	0.00
Flower baskets	5,500	0		6,000	0.00	0.00	11,500	0.00
First Aid Provision		0	0.00	1,000	394.22	394.22	606	39.42
Farmers Market*		2,040	1,327.00	2,264	224.12	-1102.88	1,327	0.00
Strand Wharf	73,238	0		0	4,560.00	4560.00	68,678	-6.23
Leigh Lights*	2,000	3,750	1,135.00	27,305	2,888.25	1753.25	23,802	7.44
Skate Park*				5,351	2,815.07	2815.07	2,536	52.61
Paddling Pool	1,798	0		0	0.00	0.00	1,798	0.00
Grants to outside organisations**		0		1,500	1,000.00	1000.00	500	66.67
Leigh Maritime Festival**	1,500	0	397.21	2,000	3,858.15	3460.94	39	98.88
May Day**		0	0.00	450	22.87	22.87	427	5.08
Carols on Strand Wharf**		0	0.00	200	326.40	326.40	-126	163.20
Easter Event**		0	434.89	900	1,253.07	818.18	82	90.91
WW1/LCC Centenary Events/Inflatables**			717.34	500	1,008.95	291.61	208	58.32
Good for Leigh			0.00	500	7.00	7.00	493	1.40
Events Equipment**				500	432.06	432.06	68	86.41
Electric Point Library Gardens**					240.00	240.00	-240	
Town Guide**				200	0.00	0.00	200	0.00
Community initiatives and recreational facilities**				500	1.00	1.00	499	0.20
Staff costs				8,368	5,917.45	5917.45	2,451	70.71
<b>Totals</b>	<b>84,036</b>	<b>9,790</b>	<b>5,309.44</b>	<b>66,999</b>	<b>29,413.63</b>	<b>24,104.19</b>	<b>117,141</b>	<b>17.07</b>
Nett cost				57,209	23,496.18			

\* see separate budgets below

\*\*Various

1,500

7,250

Various

**6,600.06**

**119,490**

115,403

**LFE Community Transport Budget  
2013/14**

<b>Community Transport</b>	<b>B/F 2013/14</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Inc. To Date</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Spend to Date</b>	<b>Nett to Date</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>% Spent</b>
Staff costs				4051	3,021.67		1,029.33	74.59
Ticket sales		4000	1,298.00		0.00		2,702.00	32.45
Trip costs				2900	943.95		1,956.05	32.55
Minibus hire				1300	314.40		985.60	24.18
CRB checks				200	0.00		200.00	0.00
Petrol & Misc.				330	55.00		275.00	16.67
Refreshments				150	0.00		150.00	0.00
CTA membership				270	0.00		270.00	0.00
Midas Training				260	130.00		130.00	50.00
<b>Totals</b>		<b>4000</b>	<b>1298</b>	<b>9461</b>	<b>4465.02</b>		<b>2,293.98</b>	
Nett cost				5461	Actual	<b>3167.02</b>		57.99

**LFE Farmers Market Budget 2013/14**

<b>Farmers Market</b>	<b>B/F 2013/14</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Inc. To Date</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Spend to Date</b>	<b>Nett to Date</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>% Used</b>
Stall hire		2040	1,327.00		0.00		713.00	65.05
Hall Hire				1884	216.00		1,668.00	11.46
Leaflet				380	0.00		380.00	0.00
Farmers Market Pay				0	0.00		0.00	
Miscellaneous				0	8.12		-8.12	
Banners				0	0.00		0.00	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>2040</b>	<b>1327</b>	<b>2264</b>	<b>224.12</b>	<b>-1102.88</b>	<b>1326.88</b>	
Nett cost				224				



**Skate Park Budget 2013/14**

Skate Park	B/F 2013/14			Budget Expenditure	Spend to Date		Balance	% Spent
Rent				50	0.00		50.00	0.00
Cleaning				900	583.44		316.56	64.83
Electricity				450	142.19		307.81	31.60
Miscellaneous				200	183.29		16.71	91.65
Grass Cutting				0	0.00		0.00	
Skate Park Pay				2751	1,906.15		844.85	69.29
Skate Park Maintenance				1000	0.00		1,000.00	0.00
Totals				5351	2,815.07		2,535.93	52.61

**LFE Leigh Lights Budget 2013/14**

Leigh Lights **	B/F 2013/14	Income	Inc. To Date	Expenditure	Spend to Date	Nett to Date	Balance	% Used
Column testing				1450	0.00		1,450	0.00
Installation and removal				6700	0.00		6,700	0.00
Storage				2400	0.00		2,400	0.00
Replacement bulbs				1100	0.00		1,100	0.00
Electricity				300	0.00		300	0.00
Traders contributions		2500	975.00		0.00		-1,525	39.00
Switch-on security				3000	0.00		3,000	0.00
Entertainers				1000	0.00		1,000	0.00
Road closures, licences etc.	2000			6000	21.00		7,979	0.35
Charges to stalls, fairs, collections		1250	160.00	700	183.81	-24	-24	
Capital Renewals				3155	2,683.44		472	85.05
Support columns - erect and remove / Storage				1500	0.00		1,500	0.00
Totals	2000	3750	1,135.00	27,305.00	2,888.25	1,753	23,802	7.44
Nett cost				23,555.00				