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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 22ND JULY 2015 AT LEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE, 71-73 ELM ROAD, LEIGH-ON-SEA

Present: Cllrs: Carole Mulroney (Chairman), Mark Bromfield, Richard Herbert, and Valerie Morgan

Also in attendance: Cllr Helen Robertson, Helen Symmons (Assistant Town Clerk), and three members of the public (Carole and Tony Wilson and Sheila Brazier)

The meeting opened at 7.28pm

25. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting.

26. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Jill Adair, Patrick Fox, Madelaine Hanman-Murphy, Fr. Clive Hillman, Vivien Rosier and Jane Ward

27. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Cllr Bromfield declared a non-pecuniary interest as an allotment plot holder and member of LOSALGA for items 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 and an interest in item 7 as a Folk Festival volunteer and relative of a member of the organising committee.

28. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 11TH JUNE

Motion proposed by Cllr Herbert and seconded by Cllr Mulroney to correct an inaccuracy in the draft minutes in accordance with S.O. 11 (a)(i)

That minute 17 be amended to add the words after 'The plot holder be permitted to retain his pond' 'and the pond and fence are to be maintained to a satisfactory standard. If an issue arises, LOSALGA are to convey this to Leigh Town Council'

The Committee **RESOLVED** to amend the draft minutes which were then to be signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

29. CORRESPONDENCE

The Committee were delighted to **NOTE** the letter of thanks regarding Bonchurch Outdoor Gym

30. MINUTES OF THE OLD TOWN COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING 15TH JUNE 2015

The Committee **NOTED** the minutes

31. REQUEST FOR GRANTS – LEIGH ART TRAIL AND FOLK FESTIVAL

The Chairman provided the background to the grant process

RESOLVED: That a grant of £500 be made to each organisation for 2015/16.

Cllr Bromfield did not take part in this decision

32. ALLOTMENT WATER RATES REVIEW

Note that this item was not in respect of allotment rents as stated in the agenda, the water charges only required review.

RESOLVED to RECOMMEND TO P&R COMMITTEE that the water charges remain at the same level for 2016/17

Cllr Bromfield did not take part in this decision

33. ALLOTMENT PLOT DEPOSIT SYSTEM REVIEW

The Chairman gave background to the system and closed the meeting to allow Carole Wilson to speak on the matter.

The meeting re-opened with the point raised that at some time in the future an increase in deposits taken should be considered.

Proposed: Cllr Mulroney Seconded: Cllr Herbert

That for any plot that requires clearance (whether overgrown or from rubbish) to make it lettable, the plot deposit will be withheld from the outgoing tenant and given to the appropriate Society to cover the cost of site clearance.

The Motion was **CARRIED**

Cllr Bromfield did not take part in this decision

34. USE OF HOSEPIPES ON MANCHESTER DRIVE ALLOTMENT SITE

The Committee **RESOLVED** the recommendation to form a Task and Finish Group with the following members:

One co-opted member from each Society (if Marshall Close wished to be included) plus Cllrs: Mulroney (Chairman), Bromfield and Morgan

35. DRINKING WATER SUPPLY MANCHESTER DRIVE ALLOTMENT SITE

The Committee **RESOLVED:**

1. That the Allotment Societies be requested to consult with their members and to check whether Marshall Close wish to have this facility, and report to the Allotments PDG on 6th October..

2. That authority be delegated to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman to take necessary action as a result of the outcome of the PDG meeting.

36. FUNDING REQUEST FROM LOSALGA WITH REGARD TO FENCING

RESOLVED to refer the matter to the Allotments PDG meeting on 6th October for further discussion and development

37. HERITAGE ASSETS TASK & FINISH GROUP

The Committee **NOTED** the report

38. LEIGH-ON-SEA REGISTER OF HERITAGE ASSETS WORKSHOP

The Chairman gave a verbal report of the note issued to Councillors and all in attendance at the workshop. The Chairman was thanked for the work she had done to start the project and it is hoped interest will grow further as the project moves forward.

A Task & Finish Group will be held to define the parameters of the project followed by a further meeting with the workshop group

39. DOG MESS INITIATIVE

The Chairman gave background on this issue to all present. On 5th September an awareness event will be held on Two Tree Island. This is a joint venture with Medi-Vet and SBC to raise awareness on the health issues as well as the anti-social element.

The meeting closed to allow Tony Wilson to speak, with Carole Wilson and Cllr Morgan volunteering to help on 5th September.

The meeting re-opened noting that it is permissible to put dog waste (in appropriate bags) in ordinary litter bins as long as they are for general waste collection. SBC have been requested to provide a map of dog bins on Two Tree Island.

Medi-Vet are also liaising with the Community Centre Administrator with a view to holding joint sessions with Leigh Town Council for children regarding the welfare and handling of pets and the dangers of dogs' mess.

40. ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE BUDGET 2015/16

The Committee **NOTED** the new format and requested footnotes defining *(asterix) items and clarification on which old budgets are included in the new headings.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm