



Leigh-on-Sea Town Council

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Chairman: Cllr Bernard Arcscott | **Vice Chairman:** Cllr Sandra McCurdy

Town Clerk: Helen Symmons PSLCC



**Minutes of the meeting of the Community & Culture Committee
Held on Tuesday 12 December 2023 commencing at 6.00 pm.
at Leigh-on-Sea Community Centre, 71-73 Elm Road, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 1SP**

Present:

	Cllr Flewitt - presiding	
Cllr Agdeve	Cllr B Arcscott	Cllr C Watt
Cllr S McCurdy	Cllr A Robinson	

In attendance:

G Lopes (Locum Clerk & minute taker)
10 x public

1) Chairman's Welcome & Housekeeping Announcements

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

2) Apologies For Absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from the following members:

Cllr Rosemary Arcscott
Cllr John Lloyd
Cllr C Lambert

3) Declarations Of Members' Interests

Declarations of non-pecuniary interest were received from the following members –

Cllr Flewitt	Cllr Agdeve	Cllr B Arcscott
Cllr C Watt	Cllr S McCurdy	Cllr A Robinson

(Cllr Mulronev was also in attendance and asked for her declaration of interest to be noted as a Southend City Councillor)

4) Minutes of The Community & Culture Committee 31 October 2023

On the motion of Cllr Arcscott. seconded by Cllr Watt, it was **RESOLVED** to accept and approve the Minutes of the Community & Culture Committee meeting held 31 October 2023 as a true and accurate record.

5) Public Participation

On the motion of Cllr Agdeve. seconded by Cllr McCurdy, it was **RESOLVED** to invite members of the public to speak – see Public Participation notes

6) Hire rates for 2024/25

On the motion of Cllr Arscott. seconded by Cllr McCurdy, it was **RESOLVED** to accept and approve an increase in hire rates at the Community Centre of £2 per session for the financial year 2024 to 2025.

ACTION: RFO/BOOKINGS OFFICER

7) Draft Budget 2024/25

On the motion of Cllr Arscott. seconded by Cllr Watt, it was **RESOLVED** to accept and approve the budget presented which would be a static budget from the previous year with the exception of a 5% increase to the staffing budget.

ACTION: RFO/ALL CLLRS

8) Correspondence

Allotment Holders – A letter from the Manchester Drive Allotment Society was discussed and considered. It was agreed to have a meeting with the Society to discuss matters further before committing to an increased grant of £6,000 as requested. To be reviewed later in the year.

ACTION: CLLR FLEWITT

Vending machine operative – Correspondence from Prestige Vending was considered and discussed.

On the motion of Cllr Agdeve, seconded by Cllr Robinson, it was **RESOLVED** to accept and approve the installation of further vending machines at the Community Centre as outlined by Prestige Vending's correspondence.

ACTION: CLERK/RFO

9) Date Of Next Meeting

To be confirmed

Meeting closed at 6.30pm

Public Participation Notes

The Chairman invited members of the public to speak and points raised included the following -

- Cllr Hart was in attendance and asked why he had not been sent a copy of the Agenda – advised he was not a Committee member and therefore was not legally required to receive the Summons, however, Agendas were available on the Council website
- Cllr Mulronee was in attendance and wanted to sit with Committee members – advised she was not a Committee member and in attendance as a member of the public
- Queries regarding budget figures – confirmed the budget papers had been made available on the Council website in advance of the meeting and advised a standstill budget was being proposed with an increase only for staffing costs
- Query regarding comment in local newspaper regarding a statue and funding, felt it was incorrect – The Chairman advised he was able to state his opinion
- Query regarding funding for mosaic in library gardens – Advised this suggested project needs further review and the original application will be sought