

Leigh-on-Sea Town Council

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Chairman: Cllr Carole Mulroney
Town Clerk: Paul Beckerson (Helen Symmons – Acting)

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.30PM ON TUESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2017 AT LEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE, 71-73 ELM ROAD, LEIGH-ON-SEA

Present: Cllrs: Valerie Morgan (Chairman), Karen Bowden, Patrick Fox, Carole Mulroney,

Caroline Parker and Vivien Rosier

Also in attendance: Cllrs Donald Fraser and Jill Healey. Also Helen Symmons (Acting Town Clerk) and two member of Leigh Lions

The meeting opened at 7.30 pm

61. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed all and advised on meeting matters at the recent Southend Airport Consultative Committee where she is the LTC representative.

62. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Jill Adair and Fr. Clive Hillman

63. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were none

64. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 20TH DECEMBER 2016

The minutes of 20th December 2016 were **AGREED** as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

65. PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS

There were none although noted the Leigh Lions were here and they would be invited to speak with regard to the Town Clerk's Report and Event Report.

66. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Chairman provided details regarding the Great British Spring Clean and the Southend Sparkle litter pick on Belton Hills 3rd March in conjunction with this. Leigh Lions are keen to be involved in some environmental projects. Other litter pick areas for the future would be considered along with working with schools. The Committee confirmed that they wished to work with the Lions and ensure press coverage and inclusion in the Leigh Town Council News magazine.

EVENTS

67. EVENT REPORT

The Acting Town Clerk provided an update on various aspects with regards to events at Easter and during the summer and the employment of an Events & Projects Officer.

The Committee **RESOLVED** that Easter themed events be held within the Community Centre leading up to Easter (budget £1,250).

The Committee **RESOLVED** to hold a Summer Season on Strand Wharf instead of one Maritime Festival (budget £3,750). One event would link in with the Lower Thames Rowing Club annual Pier Race and the Leigh Society and another would link in with the Leigh Lions Duck Race event. Other dates to be arranged.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to continue with the Leigh Lights event in its present format on Friday 24th November and phased lighting refurbishment (Events Budget £13,850, Lights Budget £21,900).

The Committee **RESOLVED** to hold the Carols on Strand Wharf event on Saturday 9th December 2017. The Leigh Lions are providing PA support (budget £1,000).

The Committee **RESOLVED** to organise a tea party for the over 65's (budget from within Other Events Budget £1,500).

ALLOTMENTS

68. AALG REPORT

The Committee **RESOLVED** that bee hives are only to be sited on the designated wildlife areas under the control of the Allotment Societies and not individual plots. The Bee Keeping Policy will now be amended and submitted for approval.

OTHER E & L MATTERS

69. HANGING BASKETS

The Committee **RESOLVED** to proceed with the quotation from SBC for £5,650.20 to supply 86 hanging baskets with watering ever other date from mid-May to mid-September.

70. ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE BUDGET 2016/17

The Committee **NOTED** the financial information.

Cllr Parker left the meeting.

71. YEAR END UNDERSPENDS

The Committee **RESOLVED** the proposed changes to the Earmarked Reserves which will be **RECOMMENDED** to **P&R Committee**.

72. REVIEW OF ACTION PLAN

The Committee **RESOLVED** to hold a meeting Monday 13th March at 8 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.11 pm