



# Leigh-on-Sea Town Council

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Chairman: Cllr Jill Healey  
Vice Chairman: Cllr Vivien Rosier  
Town Clerk: Helen Symmons *PSLCC*

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF THE LEIGH-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL  
MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2019  
LEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE, 71-73 ELM ROAD, LEIGH-ON-SEA

Present: Cllrs: Mark Bromfield, Doug Cracknell, Keith Evans, Anita Forde, Paul Gilson, Alan Hart, Jill Healey, Declan Mulroney, Vivien Rosier and Mike Wells.

Also in attendance: Helen Symmons (Town Clerk) and 7 members of the public.

MINUTES

***The meeting opened at 7.30 pm***

32. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS INCLUDING HOUSEKEEPING

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and made the appropriate housekeeping announcements. Thanks were given to the staff and Councillors for the successful Community Day at Bonchurch Park. The Chairman had recently attended a Transport Representative meeting and informed Council that no changes were planned to bus routes within the Town Council area.

33. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: Laura Jordan, Carole Mulroney and Caroline Parker

The Chairman advised that sadly she had received the resignation of Cllr Laura Jordan. Cllr Jordan had not realised the commitment involved in the role and was unable to commit at this time.

34. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Cllr Hart declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda item 5, 6 and 7 knowing one of the candidates socially.

35. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019

The minutes of the meeting 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

DECISION ITEM

36. CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR FOR HIGHLAND, THAMES AND HERSCHELL WARDS

Agenda items 5,6 and 7 were dealt with together. One candidate had withdrawn. In alphabetical order, candidates were given 3 minutes to speak individually to Council.

Voting for Thames Ward took place first. Cllr Hart did not take part in the first round of voting. There being no majority vote for one candidate in the first round, 2 candidates went through to the second round of voting in accordance with the Council's Co-option Policy and Process. Andrew Wilkin received a majority vote in the second round of voting.

Voting for Hershell Ward then took place. Cllr Hart did not take part in the first round of voting. Damian O'Boyle received a majority vote.

Voting for Highlands Ward then took place. Cllr Hart did not take part in the first round of voting. Emma Smith received a majority vote.

*1 member of the public left the meeting.*

The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed by all three co-opted Councillors and they joined the meeting.

### 37. COMMITTEE VACANCIES

The Town Clerk provided background information with regard to the Committees and vacancies. With the resignation of Laura Jordan, one vacancy now existed on Community & Culture Committee in addition to those mentioned in the Agenda.

Cllr O'Boyle was elected to Planning, Highways & Licensing Committee.

Cllr Smith was elected to Finance & Governance Committee.

Cllr Wilkins was elected to Community & Culture Committee.

*1 member of the public left the meeting*

### 38. OUTSIDE BODY REPRESENTATIVE VACANCIES

Cllr Cracknell was appointed as a Leigh Town Council representative on the Southend Business Partnership forum.

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### 39. MOTION TO EXCLUDE PUBLIC – The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

**RESOLVED** that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the public and press be excluded and instructed to withdraw – SO 3d

*2 members of the public left the meeting*

### 40. CITIZENSHIP AWARD NOMINATIONS – BELFAIRS ACADEMY

Council **RESOLVED** a recipient from the list of candidates supplied.

### 41. CORRESPONDENCE ON AN ELECTION MATTER

Before there was any discussion relevant to the correspondence, it became known that not all existing Councillors had read the confidential papers and the newly co-opted Councillors at the meeting had no papers. Cllr Forde as a candidate at the Elections stated that she had been presented with a sample of spoiled ballot papers but those seen did not state the words as stated in the House of Commons. Following a proposal (Cllr Bromfield, seconded Cllr Hart) Council **RESOLVED** to defer the item to the next full Council meeting.

***The meeting closed at 8.47 pm***