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Town Clerk: Helen Symmons PSLCC



MINUTES OF A MEETING
COMMUNITY & CULTURE COMMITTEE
TUESDAY 14th FEBRUARY 2023
Leigh-on-Sea Community Centre

Present: Cllrs: David Bowry, Keith Evans, Anita Forde, Paul Gilson, James Preston and Andy Wilkin

Absent: Cllrs: Vinice Cowell, Emma Mills and Carole Mulroney

In attendance: Helen Symmons (Town Clerk) Ingmar Lindberg-Jones (Admin Assistant) Cllr Bernard Arcscott (From Minute 93)

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

80. CHAIRMAN AND HOUSEKEEPING ANNOUNCEMENTS

In the absence of Cllr Mulroney, Cllr Forde as Vice Chairman, chaired the meeting.

81. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Cowell, Mills and Mulroney

82. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Cllr Evans declared a non-pecuniary interest in any agenda item where Southend City Council were mentioned in his capacity as City Councillor.

83. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 11th OCTOBER 2022

The minutes of the Community & Culture Committee meeting on 11th October 2022 were **AGREED** as an accurate record of the meeting and signed.

84. PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS

The Committee **AGREED** to the request from the British Comedy Society that they place a blue plaque at the Community Centre in recognition of Peggy Mount.

85. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

LEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE

86. FACILITIES REPORT

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

87. BOOKINGS REPORT

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

88. CAFE REPORT

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

89. ARTS GROUP REPORT

The Committee **NOTED** the report and the update from the town clerk was interviews were to be held 15th February 2023.

ALLOTMENTS

90. ALLOTMENTS UPDATE

The Committee **NOTED** the report and the verbal update provided.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

91. SKATE PARK

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

92. STRAND WHARF

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

93. PADDLING POOL

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

HEALTH & WELLBEING PROGRAMMES

Cllr Arcscott joined the meeting

94. EVENTS

The Committee **NOTED** the reports and **RESOLVED** to pause provision of their own seasonal markets. The committee thanked staff for all their hard work on the Christmas events.

95. COMMUNITY TRANSPORT AND SOCIAL CLUB

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

96. CHILDREN'S SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

ENVIRONMENT FACILITIES & SERVICES

97. CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMMES

98. SPECIAL CONSTABLES

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

99. YOUTH CLUB AND YOUTH FORUM

The Committee **NOTED** the report and recognised that post covid it has been difficult to attract higher numbers. The provision of these facilities will be put on the agenda for the new administration to discuss.

COMMUNITY SERVICES FUNDING

100. FIRST AID POST

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

FINANCE

101. COMMITTEE BUDGET REPORT 2022/23

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

102. UNDERSPENDS IN 2022/23 BUDGET TO EARMARK AS A RESERVE

The Committee **RESOLVED** with recommendation to Council via Finance & Governance Committee the movement in earmarked reserves.

The meeting closed at 8.08 pm