

Leigh-on-Sea Town Council



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Chairman: Cllr Jill Healey
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Town Clerk: Helen Symmons *PSLCC*

MINUTES OF A MEETING COMMUNITY & CULTURE COMMITTEE
TUESDAY 7th JULY 2019
LEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE, 71-73 ELM ROAD, LEIGH-ON-SEA

Present: Cllrs: Keith Evans (from minute 142), Anita Forde (from minute 148), Alan Hart, Jill Healey, Carole Mulroney, Mike Wells and Andy Wilkins (Chairman)

In attendance: Cllr Paul Gilson, Helen Symmons (Town Clerk) and Abbie Cotterell (Assistant Town Clerk)

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

137. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

In the absence of Cllr Forde, Cllr Wilkins as Vice Chairman chaired the meeting, welcoming all and announcing the online meeting protocol.

138. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none

139. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Cllr Mulroney declared a non-pecuniary interest for any item in which Southend Borough Council are landlords

140. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 4TH FEBRUARY 2020

The meeting scheduled for the 11th April 2020 was cancelled due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The minutes of the Community & Culture Committee meeting on 4th February 2020 were **AGREED** to have been an accurate record of the meeting and will be signed by the Chairman at the next available meeting where this would be possible.

141. PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS

The Committee **NOTED** the Public representation. It was noted that Southend Borough Council do not permit bonfires on their allotment sites and plot holders should take home all rubbish if not compostable. It was reported that the same applies for Castle Point.

142. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Committee **NOTED** the report. After the agenda was published Southend Borough Council have permitted the 'happy to chat bench' project to proceed. This will be the bench in situ outside the Community Centre and will go ahead once things start to return to normal.

LEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE

143. FACILITIES REPORT

The Committee **NOTED** the reports

Cllr Evans joined the meeting

144. BOOKINGS REPORT

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

145. LORNA & LOTTIE'S REPORT

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

146. ARTS GROUP REPORT

The Committee **NOTED** the report. The Town Clerk advised that a PDG to discuss plans for the street art graffiti project at the skate park will take place as soon as possible.

ALLOTMENTS

147. WATER RATES AND ALLOTMENT RENTS

The Committee **RESOLVED** the water charge per plots as follows and **NOTED** the 4% increase in annual rents:

2020/21

		Full	Half	Starter
MDAS	2600	12.5	9	7.5
Leigh	1500	15	11.5	10
Marshall	800		40	20
	4900			

2021/22

	Starter Plot (A/B/C)			Half Plot (E/W)			Full Plot		
	Rent	Water	Total	Rent	Water	Total	Rent	Water	Total
over official retirement age	£11.00	tba	tbc	£16.00	tba	tbc	£31.00	tba	tbc
Full	£22.00	tba	tbc	£31.00	tba	tbc	£61.50	tba	tbc
Non-Residents Levy			£20.00			£20.00			£20.00

148. AMENDMENTS TO TENANCY AGREEMENT

The Committee **RESOLVED** that the Tenancy Agreement be amended as per Appendix 2.

Cllr Forde joined the meeting

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

149. SKATEPARK

It was reported that the extension works to the skate park had not quite finished and therefore the park had not reopened as planned on 4th July.

The Town Clerk advised that repairs needed to be undertaken to a section of the existing skate park in line with the annual inspection report. This would be more cost effective to do whilst the community team engaged in the project were on site.

Following a proposal (Cllr Wilkins, seconded Cllr Healey), the Committee **RESOLVED** that the Skate Park Earmarked reserve of £6,902.25 be made available for use to enable the repairs in line with the annual inspection to be undertaken following completion of the skate park extension.

150. STRAND WHARF

The Committee **RESOLVED** to install further plaques on Strand Wharf. A more durable material will be looked into for any new plaques.

HEALTH & WELLBEING PROGRAMMES

151. COUNCIL EVENTS PROGRAMME 2020

The Committee **RESOLVED** that the Council's event programme is suspended for 2020 including Leigh Lights

The Committee **RESOLVED** that the Events Officer research other possibilities to help compensate in some way for Leigh Lights event not taking place.

152. FARMERS MARKET

The Committee **NOTED** the report. As the celebratory 20th anniversary market could not now take place on Strand Wharf, a virtual market will be held instead over social media platforms with both Farmers' market traders and local town traders invited to take part.

153. COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

The Committee **NOTED** the report

ENVIRONMENT FACILITIES & SERVICES

154. HANGING BASKETS

The Committee **NOTED** the report

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMMES

155. SPECIAL CONSTABLES

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

There was considerable discussion surrounding Cllr Forde's request for a PDG with it being highlighted that only the police have powers to deal with criminal or anti social behaviour. The

Town Clerk reminded the Committee that the budget for 2020/21 had already been resolved and the current crisis would have a significant impact on the planned budget.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to hold a PDG to discuss Town Security.

156. FRIENDS OF LEIGH LIBRARY GARDENS GROUP REPORT

The Committee **NOTED** the report and passed their thanks onto Friends of Leigh Library Gardens for all their hard work.

COMMUNITY SERVICES FUNDING

157. FIRST AID POST

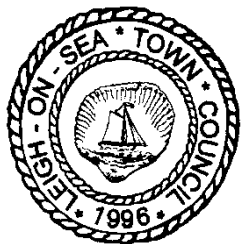
The Committee **NOTED** the report.

FINANCE

158. COMMITTEE BUDGET REPORT 2019/20

The Committee **NOTED** the report and thanked the Town Clerk and staff for continuing to monitor the Councils finances closely during the ongoing situation.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm



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YOUTH GROUP 6th FEBRUARY 2020

Present: Cllrs: Anita Forde, Caroline Parker and Vivien Rosier. Sacha & Sue from Southend YMCA and Abbie Cotterell (Assistant Town Clerk)

1. The current times of the youth club work well. The 8-11 year old session has 85 children registered with an average of 25 children attending. The 12-16 year old session has 30 people registered. The number of attendees does vary for the later group.
2. It was suggested that the youth club get involved with Friends of Leigh Library Gardens. When the weather improves they could spend an evening volunteering with the group. The youth group would have to also work in partnership with Southend Borough Council, so it would be dependent on if they were available on a Thursday evening. Vivien will take this back to the next meeting of Friends of Leigh Library Garden and report back to the group.
3. A youth information stall will be prepared for the Annual Community Meeting on the 24th April 2020 giving details of what goes on at the Youth Club & Youth Forum. It is hoped the stall will be manned by some of the Youth Forum attendees.
4. A writing competition open to everyone will be taking place in September/October asking people to write 500 words, this could be poetry or a short story. The entries will be displayed on the art wall and people will have the option to vote for their favourite. The best way for people to vote will need some thought. Possible suggestions were voting slips and box, QR codes or similar to the supermarket voting system – counters in a box.
5. Southend YMCA have booked a room for a 3 month trial session to tackle youth loneliness and isolation amongst the LGBTQ+ community. It will be an open discussion entirely youth led.
6. Southend YMCA have received lottery funding to tackle both mental health and knife crime.