



Leigh-on-Sea Town Council

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Chairman: Cllr Doug Cracknell | **Vice Chairman:** Cllr Keith Evans

Town Clerk: Helen Symmons PSLCC



MINUTES OF A MEETING
COMMUNITY & CULTURE COMMITTEE
TUESDAY 8TH JUNE 2021
Leigh-on-Sea Community Centre

Present: Cllrs: David Bowry, Doug Cracknell, Keith Evans, Anita Forde (Chairman), Emma Mills, James Preston, Emma Smith and Andy Wilkins (from minute 7)

In attendance: Helen Symmons (Town Clerk)

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

1. CHAIRMAN'S AND HOUSEKEEPING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and housekeeping announcements were made.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Wells

3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Cllr Evans declared a non-pecuniary interest in any agenda items where Southend Borough Council were mentioned as a Borough Councillor and also in agenda item 10 being a member of the Royal British Legion Leigh branch.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 27TH APRIL 2021

The minutes of the Community & Culture Committee meeting on 27th April 2021 were **AGREED** as an accurate record of the meeting and signed.

5. PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS

There were none

6. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

LEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE

7. FACILITIES REPORT

Cllr Wilkins joined the meeting

The Committee **NOTED** the reports.

8. BOOKINGS REPORT

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

9. LORNA & LOTTIE'S REPORT

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

10. ARTS GROUP REPORT

The Committee **NOTED** the report and the following Councillors expressed an interest to be a regular part of the group:

Cllrs Bowry, Forde, Mills, Smith and Wilkins.

ALLOTMENTS

11. WATER RATES AND ALLOTMENT RENTS **Agenda item 11**

The Committee was pleased that the water charges were lower for plot holders for the coming allotment year and **RESOLVED** them as presented. The rent increase for the allotment year 2022/23 was noted and this will be advised to tenants will their September invoices.

12. PROJECT TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF POTENTIAL ALLOTMENT PLOTS ON MANCHESTER DRIVE

The Committee **NOTED** the report and after considerable discussion, whilst it appreciated the difficulties, no agreement was forthcoming to hold the requested bonfire 5th November. The Town Clerk was asked to establish how feasible a combination of composting, shredding and skip hire for the residual green waste would be and to submit a report at the next meeting.

COMMUNITY FACILITES

13. SKATEPARK

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

14. STRAND WHARF

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

HEALTH & WELLBEING PROGRAMMES
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15. EVENTS PDG

NOTED

16. FARMERS' MARKET

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

17. COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

ENVIRONMENT FACILITIES & SERVICES

18. CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMMES

19. SPECIAL CONSTABLES

The Committee were delighted to receive news that notification had been received that afternoon advising of the Town Council's first Special Constable attesting on Monday 14th June. He will not officially take post until the post foundation training is completed and he is independent. Where ever possible, his duties will allow contact with the council and local community groups in order to build the relationships and understand the local issues ready for when he officially starts.

20. YOUTH CLUB

The Committee **NOTED** the report and the following Councillors expressed an interest to be a regular part of the Youth group:

Cllrs Forde, Mills, Smith and Wilkins.

COMMUNITY SERVICES FUNDING

21. FIRST AID POST

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

FINANCE

22. COMMITTEE BUDGET REPORT AS AT 25TH MAY 2021

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

The meeting closed at 8.36 pm