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MINUTES OF A MEETING
COMMUNITY & CULTURE COMMITTEE
TUESDAY 16TH AUGUST 2022
Leigh-on-Sea Community Centre

Present: Cllrs: David Bowry, Anita Forde, Emma Mills and Carole Mulroney (Chairman)

Absent: Cllrs: Vinice Cowell, Keith Evans, Paul Gilson, James Preston and Andy Wilkins

In attendance: Helen Symmons (Town Clerk) and Cllrs Leslie Parris and Craig Watt

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

26. CHAIRMAN AND HOUSE KEEPING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman thanked staff for their work in 'greenhouse' conditions lately due to the heatwave.

27. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Cowell, Evans, Preston and Wilkins

28. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Cllr Mulroney declared a non-pecuniary interest in any agenda item where Southend City Council were mentioned in her capacity as City Councillor. She also declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 15 having a memorial plaque on Strand Wharf.

29. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 14TH JUNE 2022

The minutes of the Community & Culture Committee meeting on 14th June 2022 were **AGREED** as an accurate record of the meeting and signed.

30. PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS

There were none.

31. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

LEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE

32. FACILITIES REPORT

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

33. BOOKINGS REPORT

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

34. LORNA & LOTTIE'S REPORT

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

35. ARTS GROUP REPORT **Agenda item 10**

The Committee discussed the previous remit of the group and felt that over the course of time public opinion had been canvassed in various ways. Whilst there was no formal database of arts related organisations, it was felt this was informally known and could be 'tapped' in to. Again, over time their opinions had been canvassed informally.

Moving forward, the Committee would like the Arts Group to involve younger persons within the group, giving more opportunities to the up-and-coming artists in town. The equilibrium of the group needed to be restored in that it must be artist/member led with staff involvement only being to advise on legal issues and the parameters of the Council's powers, take notes at the Arts Group meetings and to assist with promotion of projects. In this respect, it was agreed that Cllr Mills would provide the Town Clerk with a letter to contact Belfairs and South Essex College about involvement of younger students and wording for a press release.

Following a proposal (Cllr Mulrone, seconded Cllr Mills) the Committee **RESOLVED** to rescind the £100 AIR rental fee going forward provided a legacy piece was created for the Town Council during the residency and assistance provided in achieving grant funding streams.

ALLOTMENTS

36. 2022/23 WATER CHARGES

The Committee **NOTED AND ACCEPTED** the necessary charges.

37. 2023/24 RENT CHARGES **Agenda item 12**

The Committee **RESOLVED** the recommendation to halt the 4% annual percentage increase with no rise in allotment rents for 2023/24

38. ALLOTMENTS UPDATE **Agenda item 13**

The Committee **NOTED** the reports and **RESOLVED** to fund the cost of the community growing plot from the Emergency Community Fund.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

39. SKATEPARK

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

40. STRAND WHARF

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

41. PADDLING POOL

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

HEALTH & WELLBEING PROGRAMMES
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42. EVENTS

The Committee **NOTED** the report. The Town Clerk gave an outline of some of the ideas being considered for Christmas. The Committee felt that the santa letter box should continue. The Town Clerk will contact Parks Department for their approval and try to source someone to make this.

All councillors would be asked to share in the opening and closing of Library Gardens over the Christmas period

43. FARMERS' MARKET

The Committee **NOTED** the report. The Town Clerk will contact the stall holders group for an update on the action points.

44. COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

45. CHILDRENS' SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

The Committee **NOTED** the reports.

ENVIRONMENT FACILITIES & SERVICES
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46. COUNCILLOR LITTER PICKS

The Committee **NOTED** the report. Cllr Mulrone, confirmed by Cllr Watt, highlighted that Broadway and the main streets are cleaned daily. Provision of more posters to highlight an anti litter campaign was discussed. Councillors' views would be sought on a quarterly group litter pick in addition to their individual picks with refreshments at the end to make it more of an engagement event.

47. CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMMES

48. SPECIAL CONSTABLES

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

49. YOUTH CLUB

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

COMMUNITY SERVICES FUNDING

50. FIRST AID POST

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

FINANCE

51. COMMITTEE BUDGET REPORT 2022/23

The Committee **NOTED** the report. Whilst considering elements of expenditure on Environmental Facilities and Services, it was agreed that the Chairman undertook to seek all members involvement in submitting ideas for the future.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm