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Chairman: Cllr Bernard Arscott | **Vice Chairman:** Cllr Sandra McCurdy

Town Clerk: Helen Symmons PSLCC



MINUTES OF A MEETING
COMMUNITY & CULTURE COMMITTEE
TUESDAY 13th June 2023
Leigh-on-Sea Community Centre

Present: Cllrs: Murat Agdeve, Bernard Arscott, Rosemary Arscott, Mark Flewitt, Carol Lambert, Sandra McCurdy, Anne Robinson, Craig Watt

Absent: Cllr: John Lloyd

In attendance: Helen Symmons (Town Clerk) and Ingmar Lindberg-Jones (Admin Assistant), Cllr Jonathan Garston, Cllr Alan Hart, Cllr Carole Mulroneu and 3 Members of the Public

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

1. CHAIRMAN AND HOUSEKEEPING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and made the housekeeping announcements. He mentioned the Nolan Principles and a request for good conduct at the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Lloyd

3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Cllr Flewitt declared a non-pecuniary interest in any agenda item where Southend City Council are mentioned, his husband being a City Councillor. During the meeting he declared further interests in agenda item 22 where a member of his family is a police officer and in agenda item 23 as he knows the CEO of Trust Links and Southend YMCA.

Cllr Garston declared a non-pecuniary interest where Southend City Council are mentioned, his father being a City Councillor.

Cllr Mulroneu declared a non-pecuniary interest in any agenda item where Southend City Council were mentioned, in her capacity as a City Councillor. During the meeting she declared further interests in agenda item 16 as she has a plaque on Strand Wharf and is a trustee of the Heritage Centre and agenda item 23 as she knows the CEO of Southend YMCA.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 14th FEBRUARY 2023

The Town Clerk clarified that this item is only to confirm that the minutes represent an accurate record of the meeting. The minutes of the Community & Culture Committee meeting on 18th April 2023 were **AGREED** as an accurate record of the meeting and signed.

5. PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS

None

Following a proposal (Cllr Flewitt, seconded Cllr Arscott) the Committee **RESOLVED** to change the order of business under Standing Order 11a - vii

6. ARTS GROUP REPORT **Agenda item 11**

The following points were raised and addressed by the Town Clerk:

- The area is not accessible, easily viewable and hidden by shrubs – The Town Clerk advised that Friends of Leigh Library Gardens will be working on the area to make improvements
- Children may slip on the mosaic if they run on to it which may cause them to fall into the fencing – The Town Clerk advised that the local mosaic design company have installed lots of floor mosaics including one in Colchester. The tiles used are appropriate for walking over.
- Who is liable if someone has an accident – The Town Clerk advised that the area is owned and managed by Southend City Council and it is a Friends of Leigh Library Gardens' project. Leigh Town Council are not liable for the area.

The Town Clerk further advised that the Committee could not reverse the decision of the Finance & Governance Committee which was to set aside £5000 of CIL funds for a community project to install a mosaic piece in Library Gardens. Only Finance & Governance Committee or Council could reverse this under the appropriate Standing Order procedures.

The Town Clerk confirmed that a meeting could be arranged with Friends of Leigh Library Gardens.

Following a proposal (Cllr Watt, seconded Cllr Arscott) the Committee **RESOLVED** to pause funding to the Friends of Library Gardens mosaic project until a meeting was held. It was agreed that the Chairman would provide a statement to the Town Clerk to publish. The Council's involvement in the project would be paused too on social media.

7. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

8. C&C PROJECT DEVELOPMENT GROUP

The Committee **NOTED** the recommendation and the Chairman agreed to hold the ideas meeting virtually and that it would be open to all Councillors.

LEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE

9. FACILITIES REPORT

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

10. BOOKINGS REPORT

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

11. CAFE REPORT

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

ALLOTMENTS

12. 2023/24 WATER CHARGES

The Committee **NOTED** the change to water charges

13. 2024/25 RENT CHARGES **Agenda item 13**

The Committee **RESOLVED** the recommended allotment rents

14. ALLOTMENTS UPDATE

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

15. SKATE PARK

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

16. STRAND WHARF

The Committee **NOTED** the report stating they would like the PSPO sign removed from the flagpole. The Town Clerk indicated that this might not be possible but would make contact with the appropriate authorities.

17. PADDLING POOL

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

HEALTH & WELLBEING PROGRAMMES

18. EVENTS

The Committee **NOTED** the reports.

Merchant Navy Day – Sunday 3rd September 2023

The Committee **RESOLVED** to hold the ceremony and to have a virtual Working Group meeting to organise the ceremony.

19. COMMUNITY TRANSPORT AND SOCIAL CLUB

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

20. CHILDRENS' SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

ENVIRONMENT FACILITIES & SERVICES

21. HANGING BASKETS

The Committee **NOTED** the report. Councillors agreed that they will seek sponsorship to increase the number of baskets in 2024/25 to 88 as used to be.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMMES

22. SPECIAL CONSTABLES

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

23. YOUTH CLUB AND YOUTH FORUM

The Committee **NOTED** the report. The Town Clerk advised that she had contacted Trust Links and Southend YMCA so far on the request of Councillors. She was asked to also contact Southend City Youth Councillors.

COMMUNITY SERVICES FUNDING

24. FIRST AID POST

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

FINANCE

25. COMMITTEE BUDGET REPORT 2023/24

The Committee **NOTED** the report.

The meeting closed at 8.21 pm