



Newmarket

TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Community Services Committee
held on Tuesday, 6th April 2010 at 7.15 pm at the Memorial Hall, Newmarket

Attendance :

Councillor W Hirst (Chairman)
Councillor J Bailey
Councillor W Burch
Councillor G Cole
Councillor G Edge

Councillor G Jaggard
Councillor P Hulbert
Councillor R Fletcher
Councillor M Jefferys
Councillor J Uney

Also Present: Kay Dawson – Events Manager, Rosemary Foreman – Minute Assistant, 1 member of the Press

Minute	Action by
<p>C/10/04/1 <u>APOLOGIES</u> Apologies were received from Councillor A Drummond.</p>	
<p>C/10/04/2 <u>ABSENCE</u> Councillor D Hudson was absent.</p>	
<p>C/10/04/3 <u>DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS & CONSIDER UPDATE OF REGISTER OF INTEREST</u> None noted.</p>	
<p>C/10/04/4 <u>TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1st MARCH 2010</u> Councillor Hirst signed the minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on Monday, 1st March 2010, as a correct record.</p>	
<p>C/10/04/5 <u>MATTERS ARISING</u> None noted.</p>	
<p>C/10/04/6 <u>AN INVITATION TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO PUT QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS OF NOT MORE THAN 3 MINUTES DURATION RELATING TO ITEMS LISTED IN THE PUBLIC PART OF THE AGENDA ONLY</u> None noted.</p>	
<p>C/10/04/7 <u>UPDATE ON SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS FOR FORDHAM ROAD/CLOCK TOWER ROUNDABOUT AND FRED ARCHER WAY JUNCTIONS</u> Councillor Hirst advised that work to extend the island outside Waitrose would commence in April and the pedestrian safety crossing in the High Street would be installed in May. SCC to inform the Town Clerk when the rest of the improvements would be completed.</p>	

C/10/04/8 BRIEF FROM MEETING RE KING CHARLES II STATUE FOR THE CLOCK TOWER ROUNDABOUT

Councillor Hirst advised that SHNAG had agreed to ask SCC to remove the granite balls from the Clock Tower roundabout to enable the statue to be erected there. They were unwilling to consider any other site for the statue.

C/10/04/9 BRIEF FROM A-BOARD MEETING

Councillor Hirst reported there had been a very good response from retailers and quotes for the Boards would be sought as soon as all requests for inclusion had been received. Following the installation of the new Boards, FHDC to be asked to enforce the A-Boards policy for High Street traders.

C/10/04/10 PROGRESS REPORT FROM COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT

Councillor Hirst advised that all terms had been agreed with FHDC regarding the lease of the land and Persimmon would transfer their part of the land to Studlands Social Club. FHDC had already cleared the site and the Voluntary Network would commence work as soon as possible.

C/10/04/11 FAULTY STREET LAMP UNIT 1682

The Committee noted that street lamp unit 1682 was in poor condition and obsolete and the cost of replacing it with a standard 5m galvanised finish column and lantern would be £907.41 + VAT. However, Councillor Fletcher advised that residents in the vicinity would prefer the lamp, which stood on Jockey Club land, to be removed rather than replaced.

C/10/04/11.01 Recommendation

That, subject to the approval of the Jockey Club, SCC be requested to remove faulty street lamp 1682.

C/10/04/12 EMERGENCY PLAN

The Committee received and discussed the Council's 1st Draft Emergency Plan and agreed the following recommendation:

C/10/04/12.01 Recommendation

That the Council's 1st Draft Emergency Plan be received and approved subject to the following:

**Page 6 - Councillor R Fletcher to be added to the list of Councillors
Page 7 – Emergency Team – Names of Officers to be agreed at Town Council meeting on 26th April.**

C/10/04/13 100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE COOPER MEMORIAL & UPDATE ON REFURBISHMENT OF THE MONUMENT.

The Committee noted that the Listed Buildings Officer had agreed that the Cooper Memorial could be refurbished as per Rattee & Kett's quotation. Discussion took place regarding enhancing the Memorial and commemorating its 100th anniversary and the following recommendations were agreed:

Town Clerk

C/10/04/13.01 Recommendation

That Newmarket in Bloom be asked to plant flowers where the fountain was at the Cooper Memorial and SCC Highways be requested to re-locate the nearby road sign and speed camera.

Cllr Hirst

C/10/04/13.02 Recommendation

That the Jockey Club and Newmarket Local History Society be asked to ascertain if there were any surviving relatives of Sir Daniel Cooper and a small function be held to re-dedicate the Memorial.

Town Clerk

C/10/04/14 QUOTES FOR FAULTY GATE AT THE SEVERALS

The Committee discussed the quotes received for works to be carried out to the Severals gate and made the following recommendation:

C/10/04/14.01 Recommendation

That Councillor Hirst liaise with the Town Clerk and accept the most suitable quote in respect of works to be carried out to the Severals gate.

Town Clerk

C/10/04/15 BRIEF REGARDING FHDC CAR PARKING STRATEGY

Councillor Burch advised that proposals would be discussed at the next meeting and a report produced at the end of April

C/10/04/16 WEST SUFFOLK COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP GRANTS

The Committee received the report prepared by the Assistant to the Town Clerk regarding West Suffolk Community Safety Partnership Funding available for 2010/11. Councillors to forward any ideas for suitable projects to the Town Clerk.

All

C/10/04/17 BRIEF FROM COUNTERSKILLS COMPETITION

Councillor Hirst advised that the Counterskills competition organised by FHDC had been very successful, giving impetus to retailers. Mainly national chainstores had been involved and it was hoped they would now become involved with future local business activities. The awards dinner for 120 guests, funded by The Guineas Centre, was most enjoyable but unfortunately had received little Press coverage.

C/10/04/17.01 Recommendation

That NTC support the Counterskills competition 2011 and Town Clerk be asked to write to the FHDC organisers to thank them for all their hard work in arranging the event.

Town Clerk

C/10/04/18 TOWN KEEPER'S REPORT

None noted.

C/10/04/19 CORRESPONDENCE

The Committee noted the following correspondence:

- 1 SCC – Improvements to the Safety of Horse Crossings in Newmarket – Speed Limits

C/10/04/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 4th May 2010 at 7.15 pm.

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS & PUBLIC

C/10/04/21 TO CONSIDER WHETHER UNDER SECTION 100A (4) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, THE PRESS AND PUBLIC SHOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF BUSINESS ON THE GROUNDS THAT THEY INVOLVE THE LIKELY DISCLOSURE OF EXEMPT INFORMATION AS PRESCRIBED IN PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AND INDICATED AGAINST EACH ITEM ***

Following a vote, it was agreed that the press and public should be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business.

C/10/04/21.01 Resolved

That the Public and Press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they may involve the likely disclosure of exempt information.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm.

Signed : _____

Date: _____