



Newmarket

TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Leisure Services Committee
held on Monday, 11th February 2008 at 7.15 pm at the Memorial Hall, Newmarket

Attendance :

Councillor M Jefferys, Chairman
Councillor G Cole
Councillor W Hirst
Councillor P Hulbert
Councillor R Millar
Councillor J Richer
Councillor W Sadler
Councillor W Burch, Town Mayor
Councillor C Turner, Deputy Town Mayor

Also Present: Erika Jensen – Assistant to the Town Clerk, Rosemary Foreman – Minute Assistant

	Minute	Action by
L/08/02/1	<u>APOLOGIES</u> Apologies were received from Councillors Bovill, Hudson and Uney.	
L/08/02/2	<u>ABSENT</u> Councillor Mrs C Brighty was absent.	
L/08/02/3	<u>DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS & CONSIDER UPDATE OF REGISTER OF INTEREST</u> None noted.	
L/08/02/4	<u>TO CONFIRM THE MEETING HELD ON 14th JANUARY 2008</u> Councillor Jefferys signed the minutes of the Leisure Services Committee meeting held on Monday, 14 th January 2008, as a correct record.	
L/08/02/5	<u>MATTERS ARISING</u> There were no matters arising.	
L/08/02/6	<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> No members of the public were present.	
L/08/02/7	<u>TO RECEIVE A QUOTE PERTAINING TO REPLACING ALL RUBBER GASKETS ON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS</u> The Committee received the quote for replacing all the rubber gaskets on the Christmas Lights and made the following recommendation:	

L/08/02/7.01 Recommendation

That the quote received from Lamps & Tubes Illumination Ltd in the sum of £472.50 for the purchase of 1,350 rubber gaskets for the Christmas Lights be accepted.

Town Clerk

Councillor Turner left the meeting.

Following a suggestion from Councillor Richer, it was agreed to include an item on the agenda for the March meeting to discuss the purchase of energy-efficient bulbs to replace those in the Christmas lights.

Town Clerk

L/08/02/8 TO RECEIVE THE SCHEDULE OF SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT IN THE MEMORIAL GARDENS

The Committee noted that the Entertainer had been booked for every Thursday from 24th July to 28th August from 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm for the following entertainment:

Magic Shows
Party in the Park (Disco and Games)
Teddy Bears Picnic
Punch & Judy Show
Circus Skills Workshop
Paul's Puppets

Thrill Seekers Entertainment had also been booked for the same Thursdays from 1.00 – 4.00pm, when they would be rotating three large inflatables – the Tarzan Trek, Jungle Assault Course and Galleon Ship.

L/08/02/9 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

Councillor Hirst advised that plans were progressing and a marching band had been secured for the Parade.

L/08/02/10 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE BOB COMMITTEE

Councillor Jefferys reported that the BOB Committee had one new member and it was hoped to recruit more. Heats would be held on 13th, 20th and 27th September and the Final would be on 18th October. Last year the event had a financial surplus, but that the Committee were still seeking sponsorship, hoping to reduce their dependence on NTC after the next event. This year, there would be a stall at the back of the Hall selling soft drinks, chocolate, etc.

In reply to a question from Councillor Richer, Councillor Jefferys advised that the regional play-off had not been a success last year and would not be held this year.

Following a suggestion from Councillor Millar, Councillor Jefferys agreed to approach West Suffolk College to see if they would allow the BOB winner to use their recording studio as part of their prize.

L/08/02/11 TOWN KEEPER'S REPORT

The Committee noted that the Town Keeper had carried out his weekly inspections of the Memorial Gardens, repaired the climbing frame, washed the lights for Christmas and repaired the see-saw. The new net and fixings for the climbing frame had been received but tiles needed to be removed before the net could be re-fixed. This work would be carried out in the Spring.

L/08/02/12 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

None noted.

L/08/02/13 SUCH OTHER BUSINESS WHICH, IN THE OPINION OF THE CHAIRMAN, SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY TO BE SPECIFIED IN THE MINUTES. [LGA 1972 Section 100 (4) (B) (16)]

None noted.

L/08/02/14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 10th March 2008 at 7.15 pm.

L/08/02/15 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

With the vote being unanimous, it was

L/08/02/15.01 RESOLVED

That, 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 and, in all circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

L/08/02/16 DEBRIEF REPORT FROM MEETING HELD AT FHDC PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED CRICKET FACILITIES FOR THE SEVERALS

Councillor Jefferys reported that he and Councillor Hirst had attended a meeting with FHDC to discuss the financial aspects of the projects. A financial agreement had been reached between FHDC and NTC and a copy of the draft agreement would be distributed to all Cllrs with the full Council Agenda.

Councillor Hirst advised that quotes would be sought as soon as sponsorship had been confirmed and it was important that all Councillors should see and discuss the plans.

L/08/02/16.01 Recommendation

That an item be placed on the Agenda for the Town Council meeting to be held on 25th February to look at the draft financial agreement with FHDC and receive an update regarding sponsorship.

Town Clerk

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm.

Signed _____ Date _____