



# Newmarket

## TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Leisure Services Committee**  
**held on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2008 at 7.15 pm at the Memorial Hall, Newmarket**

**Attendance :**

Councillor M Jefferys, Chairman  
Councillor K Bovill  
Councillor W Burch  
Councillor R Fletcher  
Councillor W Hirst  
Councillor D Hudson  
Councillor P Hulbert  
Councillor J Uney  
Councillor C Turner, Town Mayor  
Councillor J Bailey, Deputy Town Mayor

Also Present: Isabelle Barrett –Town Clerk, Rosemary Foreman – Minute Assistant, 1 Member of the Press

Minute	Action by
<b>L/08/07/1</b> <b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b> Apologies for absence were received from Councillor G Cole and A Drummond.	
<b>L/08/07/2</b> <b><u>ABSENT</u></b> Councillors Mrs C Brighty and J Richer were absent.	
<b>L/08/07/3</b> <b><u>DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS &amp; CONSIDER UPDATE OF REGISTER OF INTEREST</u></b> Councillor Hirst declared an interest in Item 6 on the Agenda.	
<b>L/08/07/4</b> <b><u>TO CONFIRM THE MEETING HELD ON 16<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2008</u></b> Councillor Jefferys signed the minutes of the Leisure Services Committee meeting held on Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2008, as a correct record.	
<b>L/08/07/5</b> <b><u>MATTERS ARISING</u></b> None noted.	
<b>L/08/07/6</b> <b><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></b> No members of the public were present.	

*Councillor Hirst declared an interest in the following item and left the meeting.*

**L/08/07/7**      **SMALL BUDGET GRANT SCHEME 1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY–30<sup>th</sup> JUNE 08**

The Committee noted receipt of applications under the Small Budget Grant Scheme from the following organisations:

Citizens Advice Bureau  
Generation Journey  
Thursday Club  
Newmarket Pregnancy Support Centre  
Friendly Club

After discussion, the following recommendation was made:

**L/08/07/7.01 Recommendation**

**That, although they recognised their good work, no grant be made to the Citizens Advice Bureau towards the cost of employing an additional member of staff as the Committee felt such a small grant would be of little benefit.**

*Councillor Hirst returned to the meeting but abstained from voting on the following recommendations.*

**L/08/07/7.02 Recommendation**

**That Generation Journey be awarded a grant of £250 towards the cost of running a Community Workshop, the organisation to be requested to provide a report at the end of the year regarding the success of the workshops and the number of people involved in them.**

Town Clerk

**L/08/07/7.03 Recommendation**

**That the Thursday Club be awarded a grant of £250 towards the cost of activities for senior citizens.**

Town Clerk

**L/08/07/7.04 Recommendation**

**That Newmarket Pregnancy Support be awarded a grant of £245 to meet web and mobile phone costs and to improve current service delivery.**

Town Clerk

**L/08/07/7.05 Recommendation**

**That the Friendly Club be awarded a grant of £250 toward the cost of a trip to the Theatre Royal, Norwich.**

Town Clerk

**L/08/07/7.06 Recommendation**

**That future Small Grant Scheme application forms state that all applicants must agree to provide information on how the grant was used.**

Town Clerk

**L/08/07/8**      **REPORT FROM SPORT FACILITIES SUB-COMMITTEE**

Councillor Jefferys advised that the next meeting of the Sport Facilities sub-committee would be held on 15<sup>th</sup> July and a report given to the next meeting of the Town Council.

L/08/07/9

**REPORT FROM THE CARNIVAL COMMITTEE**

Councillor Jefferys thanked Councillor Hirst for chairing the Carnival Committee and for his hard work on the day. He also thanked the office staff and the many Councillors who helped to make the Carnival such a success, with over 3,000 people attending.

Councillor Hirst expressed his thanks to those involved with the floats and advised that letters of thanks had been sent to all those involved in the Carnival, including the Race Course, office staff and Councillors.

The Committee agreed with Councillor Hudson's suggestion that signage was needed directing people from Hamilton Road to the Carnival area on the Race Course.

Councillor Turner suggested that closer links should be sought with the American forces in the area and agreed to contact both the USAF and RAF Base Commanders at Mildenhall and Lakenheath to seek ways of involving them in next year's event.

Cllr Turner

The Committee also agreed that the Carnival Committee should seek Committee members and work in partnership with the community, approaching the groups who take part in the Carnival itself.

Chairman of  
Carnival Cttee

L/08/07/10

**REPORT FROM THE BOB COMMITTEE**

Councillor Bovill reported that arrangements were on schedule and applications awaited from bands. Publicity would be given by the local press, it was advertised on the web, a committee member was contacting local bands and flyers had been sent to previous entrants.

L/08/07/11

**ORGANISATION OF ST GEORGE'S DAY CELEBRATIONS IN NEWMARKET FOR 2009**

Following Councillor Hudson's suggestion, the Committee made the following recommendation:

**L/08/07/11.01 Recommendation**

**That Councillors Hudson, Hirst, Hulbert and another volunteer form a working party to organise St George's Day celebrations in Newmarket. The Working Group would report to the Leisure Services Committee.**

L/08/07/12

**UPDATE ON ART & WRITING COMPETITION**

Town Clerk advised that five schools had agreed to participate in the Art Competition but there had been entries from only one school for the Writing Competition. The U3A had kindly agreed to provide three judges. The Reception held on 10<sup>th</sup> September. It was hoped that support regarding prizes would be received from a local companies.

**L/08/07/13 TOWN KEEPER'S REPORT**

The Committee noted that the Town Keeper inspected the play area in the Memorial Gardens on a weekly basis and had identified various problems. A site visit would be carried out at the end of the meeting.

**L/08/07/14 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

None noted.

**L/08/07/15 DISPLAY OF BANNERS IN SUN LANE**

Town Clerk advised that a trader in Sun Lane had erected a banner which had not been authorised by Newmarket Town Council.

**L/08/07/15.01 Recommendation**

**That Town Clerk contact SCC Officer Mr J Nunn regarding the banner in Sun Lane and negotiate with the trader following his advice.**

Town Clerk

**L/08/07/16 SITE VISIT TO MEMORIAL GARDENS**

The Committee carried out a site visit to the Memorial Gardens and identified the following problems in the play areas:

Water feature – water in the fountain control electrical box, sand under surface

Slide in sandpit – Town Keeper to paint wooden areas

Roofs on play house – need replacing

Turfed area in front of benches – need re-turfing/new grids

Area under swings – needs continuous surface, not tiles

Area under climbing net – needs new ground anchor points

**L/08/07/16.01 Recommendation**

**That Town Clerk obtain quotes for all the work required in the play areas in the Memorial Gardens and report to the September meeting of the Leisure Services Committee.**

Town Clerk

**L/08/07/17 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/08/07/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2008 at 7.15 pm.

**L/08/07/19 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

With the vote being unanimous, it was

**L/08/07/19.01 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.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_