



Newmarket

TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Leisure Services Committee
held on Monday, 12th May 2008 at 7.15 pm at the Memorial Hall, Newmarket

Attendance :

Councillor M Jefferys, Chairman
Councillor K Bovill
Councillor Mrs C Brighty
Councillor G Cole
Councillor R Fletcher
Councillor W Hirst
Councillor D Hudson
Councillor W Sadler
Councillor J Uney
Councillor W Burch, Town Mayor
Councillor C Turner, Deputy Town Mayor

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

	Minute	Action by
L/08/05/1	<u>APOLOGIES</u> Apologies were received from Councillors R Millar, J Richer and P Hulbert.	
L/08/05/2	<u>ABSENT</u> None noted.	
L/08/05/3	<u>DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS & CONSIDER UPDATE OF REGISTER OF INTEREST</u> None noted.	
L/08/05/4	<u>TO CONFIRM THE MEETING HELD ON 14th APRIL 2008</u> Councillor Fletcher asked for his name to be included in the list of attendees at the meeting. With this amendment, Councillor Jefferys signed the minutes of the Leisure Services Committee meeting held on Monday, 14 th April 2008, as a correct record.	
L/08/05/5	<u>MATTERS ARISING</u> There were no matters arising.	

L/08/05/6 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

No members of the public were present.

L/08/05/7 REPORT FROM THE CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

Councillor Hirst advised that the temporary Assistant to the Town Clerk had now taken over co-ordinating the event. Forms would be sent out to all Cllrs in June asking for help on the day at the Severals and the Race Course. A meeting at the end of May would tie up the availability of volunteers. All Councillors were asked to help if possible.

All Cllrs

L/08/05/8 REPORT FROM THE BOB COMMITTEE

Councillor Bovill reported that arrangements were proceeding to schedule. There were new committee members with new ideas, including having a fruit cocktail bar for young people. Sponsorship was coming through together with a grant from FHDC New Projects Fund. The judging criteria was being simplified and details would be sent out to bands with the application packs. It was hoped that posters and flyers would be printed free of charge and a brand image was being worked on.

L/08/05/9 CRICKET FACILITIES ON THE SEVERALS

Councillor Hirst advised that funding of £660,000 had been confirmed and a contingency fund agreed with FHDC. A pre-application meeting with FHDC was to be held on 13th May, following which it was hoped to set a date to submit plans for approval. The next job was to appoint a Project Manager, possibly with the help of FHDC Project Department. The working group needed additional Council representation, especially someone with building experience, and delegated authority would be sought to make decisions on various procurements as well as the day to day running of the project. Once a Project Manager had been appointed, a quantity surveyor and contractor would be recruited.

Councillors Bovill and Fletcher volunteered to join the working group.

In reply to a question from Councillor Sadler, Councillor Jefferys confirmed that the fitness track would not be installed in the first phase nor would the green gym.

Following discussion, the Committee proposed :-

L/08/05/9.01 Recommendation

That Councillors Bovill and Fletcher join the working group to provide sporting facilities including a cricket pitch on the Severals.

Discussion took place regarding granting delegated powers to the working group and the following recommendation was made:

	<p><u>L/08/05/9.02 Recommendation</u> That the working group be granted delegated powers subject to a detailed paper with respect to the appointment of a Project Manager and other appointments as necessary being agreed at the next meeting of the Town Council.</p>	Town Clerk
L/08/05/10	<p><u>REPOSITIONING OF MARKET SQUARE PLANTERS AND BENCHES TO THE MEMORIAL GARDENS</u> Town Clerk advised that the three planters, 3 benches and litter bin installed in the Market Square needed to be relocated due to the redevelopment of the Market Square. After discussion of possible alternative sites, the following recommendation was agreed:</p> <p><u>L/08/05/10.01 Recommendation</u> That the Town Clerk locate a suitable site for the relocation of the planters and report her findings at the Town Council meeting.</p>	Town Clerk
L/08/05/11	<p><u>MUSICAL SHOW FOR NEWMARKET RESIDENTS</u> Town Clerk advised that the Memorial Hall had recently been hired for a 1940's/50's music show and she suggested that a similar show should be organised free of charge for elderly residents of Newmarket. Town Clerk advised that the Committee already provided entertainment for the very young, teenagers and families but that to date no provisions had been made for the 50s and over groups within our Community.</p> <p>Discussion took place regarding meeting the cost (£600) and the following recommendation was made:</p> <p><u>L/08/05/11.01 Recommendation</u> That Town Clerk investigate the possibility of holding a music hall type show in the Memorial Hall in October for citizens of Newmarket.</p>	Town Clerk
L/08/05/12	<p><u>TOWN KEEPER'S REPORT</u> The Committee noted that the Town Keeper had experienced problems with erecting the net and was awaiting a visit from a representative of the supplier.</p>	
L/08/05/13	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</u> The Committee noted the following correspondence:</p> <p>1 FHDC – Food Festival 2008. Councillor Brighty declared an interest in this item but remained in the meeting. After discussion, the Committee made the following recommendation:</p> <p><u>L/08/08/13.01 Recommendation</u> That Town Clerk write to FHDC and offer the Memorial Hall free of charge as a venue for the Food Festival 2008.</p>	Town Clerk

L/08/05/14 **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/08/05/15 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
Monday, 9th June 2008 at 7.15 pm.

L/08/05/16 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**
With the vote being unanimous, it was

L/08/05/16.01 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 8.00 pm.

Signed _____ Date _____