



Newmarket

TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Leisure Services Committee
held on Monday, 10th November 2008 at 7.15 pm at the Memorial Hall, Newmarket

Attendance :

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

Also Present: Isabelle Barrett –Town Clerk, Rosemary Foreman – Minute Assistant

	Minute	Action by
L/08/11/1	<u>APOLOGIES</u> There were no apologies.	
L/08/11/2	<u>ABSENCE</u> Councillor Mrs C Brighty was absent.	
L/08/11/3	<u>DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS & CONSIDER UPDATE OF REGISTER OF INTEREST</u> None noted.	
L/08/11/4	<u>TO CONFIRM THE MEETING HELD ON 13th OCTOBER 2008</u> Councillor Jefferys signed the minutes of the Leisure Services Committee meeting held on Monday, 13 th October 2008, as a correct record.	
L/08/11/5	<u>MATTERS ARISING</u> None noted.	
L/08/11/6	<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/08/11/7 **REPORT FROM SPORT FOR THE SEVERALS SUB-COMMITTEE**

Councillor Hirst reported that a decision regarding the planning application was expected at the end of November.

L/08/11/8 **ROSPA REPORT RE MEMORIAL GARDENS**

The Committee received the ROSPA report regarding the play equipment in the Memorial Gardens. Town Clerk advised that she and the Town Keeper had made a site visit and the following actions had been agreed/carried out:

- Gates x 3: Closing mechanisms – mended
- Seats x 6: Seats in toddler play area – no screws to tighten
- Sand play unit: Platforms cleaned, sand topped up and twigs removed periodically
- Play houses: Sand cleaned off periodically, rough edges on roofs smoothed down
- Planting: Low branches raised to 2500mm high
- Slide and steps: No action possible regarding spacing between barrier bars, width of steps etc, but Town Keeper would rub down metal to remove corrosion and repaint
- Overhead items: Re-glue – unable to see problem
- Wobble log: Not working – Town Keeper to try and repair
- Toddler unit: Rope climber – Town Keeper to monitor
- Cradle seat swings: Re-glue surface, remove algae off tiles – Town Keeper has work in hand.

The following work needed to be carried out by a contractor:

- Carousel: Surface lifting
- Non Bump SeeSaw: Replace rusty side panels
- Spring elephant: Re-glue surface
- Spring tractor: Smooth rough laminate edges to seat
- Spring horse: Trip zones – build up, re-glue surface
- Toddler unit: Re-lay tiles

L/08/11/9 **TO RECEIVE THE 2nd DRAFT BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2009/10**

The Committee received and analysed the 2nd draft budget for 2009/10.

Discussion took place regarding the need to update the play equipment in the Memorial Gardens and how to fund it. Councillor Jefferys suggested that the equipment should be maintained and repaired over the next two years, with £5,000 included in the budget to build up a Reserve towards replacing the equipment. The possibility of grants and sponsorship should also be investigated.

Councillor Hirst suggested contacting FHDC regarding what funds could be made available towards replacing the equipment and asking for their guidance on the best way forward.

Erika to look into funding for play equipment – advised EJ on 14.11.08

Councillor Fletcher suggested that the revenue from the sale of the land at Field Terrace Road could be earmarked for this project. Cllr Jefferys advised that Field Terrace Road came under the authority of Community services and it would need to be discussed there first. Cllr Hirst advised that the Council had already resolved to review the Field Terrace situation in the New Year. Councillor Turner advised that it was possible that the revamping of the playground could be a suitable community project undertaken by offenders at Highpoint with materials provided at cost price.

The following recommendations were agreed:

L/08/11/9.01 Recommendation

That FHDC be contacted regarding funds which could be made available towards replacing the play equipment in the Memorial Gardens and their advice sought on the best way forward.

Advised EJ on
14.11.08

L/08/11/9.03 Recommendation

That the 2nd draft budget for the Leisure Services Committee for 2009/10 be accepted subject to the following amendments:

4041 R&M - Play Equipment - reduce to £5,000

4205 Play Equipment Reserve – increase to £6,000

L/08/11/10 CHRISTMAS MUSIC SHOW EVENT FOR ADULTS

Town Clerk advised that the show would be held on 17th December from 2.30 pm – 5.00 pm and all 140 free tickets had been allocated. All Councillors were welcome to attend and their help would be appreciated. Mulled wine would be served on arrival, with a light buffet being available during the performance followed by tea and mince pies during the interval. There would also be a raffle and various generous prizes had already been donated such as a free haircut from Tony & Guy, Sunday Lunch for four at the Bedford Lodge, £30 worth of vouchers from Farthings, £20 worth of food from Dominoes Pizzas and a £10 from Scribbles. A donation of £280 had also been received from Mr W Gredley towards the Remember When Show held in October 08.

L/08/11/11 UPDATE ON CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Town Clerk advised that all tickets had been allocated and Waitrose had donated lunch boxes, which would be filled with sandwiches, crisps, drinks, etc.

L/08/11/12 INSTALLATION OF THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Town Clerk advised that De Niro's had refused to sponsor the electricity for the Community Christmas Lights this year which meant that the catenary wire attached to De Niro's Nightclub could not be utilised for the Merry Christmas sign. Members expressed their disappointment.

L/08/11/13 **UPDATE FROM ST GEORGE'S DAY 2009 CELEBRATIONS WORKING GROUP**

Councillor Hudson advised that all arrangements were in hand and the Working Group would be meeting at the end of November to discuss funding through sponsors and/or entrance fees. He hoped local organisations, businesses and groups would take part in the day by sponsoring events or having special St George's Day promotions.

L/08/11/14 **ART & WRITING COMPETITIONS 2009**

Discussion took place regarding a theme for 2009 and the following recommendation was agreed:

L/08/11/14.01 Recommendation

That Councillor Jefferys seek the views of local Art and English teachers regarding the theme for the Art and Writing competitions for 2009 being 'What would you like Newmarket to look like in the future?'

Cllr Jefferys

L/08/11/15 **TOWN KEEPER'S REPORT**

None noted.

L/08/11/16 **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

The Committee noted the following correspondence:

The Generation Journey – Returned grant of £250 as project suspended.

L/08/11/17 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday, 12th January 2009 at 7.15 pm.

L/08/11/18 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS & PUBLIC**

With the vote being unanimous, it was

L/08/11/18.01 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/08/11/19 *****WATER FEATURE IN THE MEMORIAL GARDENS**

The Committee discussed the three quotes received for the refurbishment or renewal of the water play area and made the following recommendation:

L/08/11/19.01 Recommendation

That the quote in the sum of £2,400 received from Ustigate Waterplay for the replacement of activity pads in the water feature

be accepted. That the works to the water feature be carried out in April 09.

Further discussion took place regarding the need to replace the play equipment in the Memorial Gardens. Town Clerk agreed to seek out funding opportunities and Councillor Hirst agreed to seek advice from FHDC regarding play equipment and after further suggestions the following recommendations were agreed:

L/08/11/19.02 Recommendation

That Councillors seek the views of young people regarding what play equipment they would like in the Memorial Gardens and photographs be taken of local play areas, including schools, the results to be brought to the next meeting.

All

L/08/11/19.03 Recommendation

That consideration of the quotes received for the replacement of the water feature in the Memorial Gardens be deferred.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

Signed _____ Date _____