



Newmarket

TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Leisure Services Committee
held on Monday, 8th September 2008 at 7.15 pm at the Memorial Hall, Newmarket

Attendance :

Councillor M Jefferys, Chairman
Councillor K Bovill
Councillor Mrs C Brighty
Councillor W Burch
Councillor G Cole
Councillor R Fletcher
Councillor W Hirst
Councillor D Hudson
Councillor P Hulbert
Councillor J Richer
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
L/08/09/1	<u>APOLOGIES</u> Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J Uney.	
L/08/09/2	<u>DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS & CONSIDER UPDATE OF REGISTER OF INTEREST</u> None noted.	
L/08/09/3	<u>TO CONFIRM THE MEETING HELD ON 14th JULY 2008</u> Councillor Jefferys signed the minutes of the Leisure Services Committee meeting held on Monday, 14 th July 2008, as a correct record.	
L/08/09/4	<u>MATTERS ARISING</u> L/08/07/15.01 – Town Clerk advised that the banner in Sun Lane had been removed.	
L/08/09/5	<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/08/09/6	<u>REPORT FROM SPORT FOR THE SEVERALS SUB-COMMITTEE</u> Councillor Hirst advised that the plans for the pavilion were awaiting Jockey Club approval. If agreed, they would be submitted to FHDC for planning approval in the next two weeks.	

L/08/09/7

WEED SPRAYING OF THE ENTIRE SEVERALS

The Committee noted that the England & Wales Cricket Board had advised that the Severals should be sprayed twice with weed killer this Autumn and after discussion agreed the following recommendation:

L/08/09/7.01 Recommendation

That the quote of £600 + VAT each for spraying the entire grassed area of the Severals twice with Micram Plus be accepted, the work to be carried out as soon as possible. Town Clerk to ascertain how long the Severals would be out of use following the spraying.

Town Clerk

L/08/09/8

REPLACEMENT OF SOFT SURFACING IN THE PLAYGROUND AREA

The Committee discussed the quotes received for the replacement of soft surfacing in the playground area of the Memorial Gardens and made the following recommendations:

L/08/09/8.01 Recommendation

That the quote from Sportsequip for removing existing rubber tiles from under the swing and replacing with black Compliant Wetpour EPDM rubber impact absorbing surface onto the existing timber edged concrete base in the sum of £1790 + VAT be accepted, the work to be carried out in March 09.

Town Clerk

L/08/09/8.02 Recommendation

That the quote from Sportsequip for removing existing wetpour from the water play area, cleaning and priming the concrete base as necessary and laying black Compliant Wetpour EPDM rubber impact absorbing surface onto the existing timber edged concrete base in the sum of £1575 + VAT be accepted, the work to be carried out in March 09.

Town Clerk

L/08/09/9

WATER FEATURE IN MEMORIAL GARDENS

Town Clerk advised that a quote for £650 had been received from the suppliers to investigate the problems with the water play installation. The water feature was old and the suppliers had suggested that the air pressure pads should be replaced with vibration sensors.

After discussion, the following recommendation was agreed:

L/08/09/9.01 Recommendation

That Town Clerk investigate other suppliers of water play features and report back to the next meeting.

TC advised EJ to obtain as many quotes as possible

L/08/09/10

REPORT FROM THE BOB COMMITTEE

Councillor Bovill reported that, due to publicity from the local Press, 15 bands would now be taking part in the competition. All arrangements were in hand, posters distributed and a banner erected in the High Street. The first heat would be on 20th September, the Final on 18th October, and any help would be appreciated.

L/08/09/11	<u>UPDATE ON ST GEORGE'S DAY 2009 CELEBRATIONS WORKING GROUP</u>	Councillor Hudson reported that the working group had met and were pursuing ideas. Following suggestions, it was agreed that the Events Co-ordinator should be involved in the project and possible sponsors contacted.	Cllr Hudson
L/08/09/12	<u>UPDATE ON ART & WRITING COMPETITION</u>	Town Clerk advised that the Reception and presentation of prizes would be held on 10 th September at 6.00 pm, when the Town Mayor and Councillor Jefferys would attend to present the awards. Tindalls and the Frame Centre were sponsoring some of the prizes. All Councillors were welcome to attend.	All
L/08/09/13	<u>SELL YOURSELF DAY</u>	Town Clerk advised that the Sell Yourself Day had been advertised in the Newsletter and a good response received from local voluntary groups. It was agreed that a date for the event should be set in the New Year.	Town Clerk
L/08/09/14	<u>DISPLAY OF BANNERS IN SUN LANE</u>	The Committee noted that the banner had now been removed.	
L/08/09/15	<u>UPDATE ON REMEMBER WHEN SHOW</u>	Town Clerk advised that the show on 2 nd October 08 had been advertised in the Newsletter and so far 43 tickets had been allocated. A sponsor had offered to meet the cost of two buses to transport residents to the show. After discussion, the following recommendation was agreed:	
	<u>L/08/09/15.01 Recommendation</u>	Subject to ticket numbers still available, that an advertisement be placed in the Newmarket Journal to invite residents to the Remember When Show on 2nd October.	Town Clerk
L/08/09/16	<u>CHRISTMAS LATE NIGHT SHOPPING</u>	Town Clerk advised that NTC had been invited to advertise the Christmas Late Night Shopping evening in a local brochure at a cost of £150. Councillor Bovill reported that the Community Partnership had asked that all the lights should be switched on simultaneously and he offered to investigate this possibility.	
		After discussion, the following recommendations were agreed:	
	<u>L/08/09/16.01 Recommendation</u>	That no advertisement for the Late Night Shopping event be placed.	Town Clerk
	<u>L/08/09/16.02 Recommendation</u>	That Councillor Bovill investigate the possibility of the Christmas lights all being switched on simultaneously.	Cllr Bovill

L/08/09/17 **TOWN KEEPER'S REPORT**

The Committee noted that the Town Keeper had maintained the Memorial Gardens to their usual high standard.

L/08/09/18 **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

The Committee noted the following correspondence:

- 1 SCC – Olympics Briefing Sheet July 2008. After discussion, it was agreed that local Olympians should be invited to the Mayor's Reception.
- 2 Newmarket Pregnancy Support – thanks for the grant of £245 from the Small Grants Budget
- 3 The Thursday Club – thanks for the grant of £250 from the Small Grants Budget.

L/08/09/19 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday, 13th October 2008 at 7.15 pm.

L/08/09/20 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

With the vote being unanimous, it was

L/08/09/20.01 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 8.10 pm.

Signed _____ Date _____