



Newmarket

TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Leisure Services Committee
held on Monday, 9th March 2009 at 7.15 pm at the Memorial Hall, Newmarket

Attendance :

Councillor M Jefferys, Chairman
Councillor W Burch
Councillor K Bovill
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, Kay Dawson – Events Manager, Rosemary Foreman – Minute Assistant, Councillor G Edge

Minute	Action by
<p>L/09/03/1 <u>APOLOGIES</u> Apologies were received from Councillors C Brighty, G Cole and J Richer</p>	
<p>L/09/03/2 <u>DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS & CONSIDER UPDATE OF REGISTER OF INTEREST</u> None noted.</p>	
<p>L/09/03/3 <u>TO CONFIRM THE MEETING HELD ON 12th JANUARY 09</u> L/09/01/8.01 – Recommendation amended to read <i>That NTC work with FHDC to prepare a Playfinder Fund grant application for the Memorial Gardens.</i></p> <p>With this amendment, Councillor Jefferys signed the minutes of the Leisure Services Committee meeting held on Monday, 12th January 09, as a correct record.</p>	
<p>L/09/03/4 <u>MATTERS ARISING</u> None noted.</p>	
<p>L/09/03/5 <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.</p>	

- L/09/03/6** **REPORT FROM SPORT FOR THE SEVERALS SUB-COMMITTEE**
 Councillor Hirst reported that planning permission had been granted and all conditions now discharged. Tenders had been sent out to six contractors for submission by 24th April. An issue had arising regarding using earth dug out from the wicket area to level the ground and Town Clerk asked advice regarding bookings for car boot sales. Councillor Hirst advised her to go ahead with the programme as areas being developed would be fenced off.
- L/09/03/7** **UPDATE ON FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PLAY EQUIPMENT IN THE MEMORIAL GARDENS**
 The Committee received a written report from the Assistant to the Town Clerk advising that the sub-committee had put together a working time line and discussed the consultation process. She had met the FHDC Community Development Officer, who had helped identify the groups NTC needed to reach and provided a Consultation Toolkit to help determine how to ask questions of each age group and analyse the information. A problem with photographs of equipment had been resolved. The Assistant to the Town Clerk had drawn up a list of organisations to contact for the consultations and was arranging dates for consultation, which she hoped would be complete by mid April.
- L/09/03/8** **UPDATE ON ST GEORGE'S DAY 2009 CELEBRATIONS**
 The Committee noted that nearly all the 150 tickets had been sold and £1145 raised in sponsorship money (this sum included the ticket sales). Councillors were asked to donate raffle prizes. Doors would open at 4.30 pm, the bar would be open and the sausage and mash meal served before the show commenced at 6.00 pm, ending at 9.00 pm. The Malawi Team had been asked to help with the refreshments. All Councillors would be welcome to attend the event to given them the opportunity to socialise with our residents. All
- L/09/03/9** **PROGRESS REPORT ON CARNIVAL 2009**
 Councillor Hirst reported that documents had been sent out to stallholders and advised of several new events, such as a baby show, a mascot race and a showcase for food from local restaurants. Councillor Edge advised that he was asking the Red Arrows if it would be possible for them to do a flyover. Councillor Jefferys asked for Councillors to help on the day. All
- L/09/03/10** **PROGRESS REPORT ON EASTER PARTY, 8th APRIL 09**
 The Events Manager advised that all 80 tickets had been issued, the Easter Bunny booked and party boxes organised.
- L/09/03/11** **ART & WRITING COMPETITIONS 2009**
 The Events Manager reported that there had been a poor response from schools so far and a reminder would be sent. The Army had become interested in one of last year's entries and the Newmarket Journal and Weekly News had been contacted to give this publicity.

L/09/03/12 TEA DANCES AT THE MEMORIAL HALL

The Events Manager reported that she would be attending a tea dance at the Day Centre to observe how it was run and the Committee agreed the following recommendation:

L/09/03/12.01 Recommendation

That in accordance with LGA 1972 s145, the Events Manager investigate the possibility of holding a tea dance in the Memorial Hall on a Friday afternoon at an approximate cost of £2 per person to include tea or coffee and be authorised to give the tea dance a trial run.

Events Manager

L/09/03/13 PRODUCTION OF BLACKADDER IN THE MEMORIAL HALL

The Events Manager advised that she had been approached by the District Branch of the British Legion who were staging a production of Blackadder Goes Forth at the Memorial Hall. Authorisation had been received from the writers of Blackadder Goes Forth to stage one of the shows. Auditions had been held in Lakenheath, Mildenhall and Newmarket to help stage the show. The proceeds of the show would be donated to Suffolk Welfare. The forthcoming production has already received a good interest from the media and regular discussions on how the preparations are progressing would be aired on BBC Radio Suffolk on Sunday afternoon.

However, the District Branch of the British Legion would like to work in partnership with the Town Council as they would need assistance with running the box office and organising a VIP after show party for approx. 50 people. They would further like to invite the Town Mayor to open both evenings with a welcome speech. In return for our assistance, all Blackadder production related publicity would note that they were working in partnership with the Newmarket Town Council. After discussion, the following recommendations were agreed:

L/09/03/13.01 Recommendation

That in accordance with LGA 1972 s145, NTC support the District Branch of the British Legion in their production of Blackadder Goes Forth by acting as a box office at an approximate cost of £100 for postage.

L/09/03/13.02 Recommendation

That in accordance with LGA 1972 s145, NTC contribute £150 towards the performance of Blackadder Goes Forth.

Includes amended as resolved at 23.03.09 TC meeting

L/09/03/14 ROLE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL IN THE FORTHCOMING BARCLAY BI-CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

The Committee noted the forthcoming celebrations to commemorate the bi-centenary of Captain Barclay Allardice's walk of 1,000 miles in 1,000 hours and agreed that Councillor Burch should liaise with Ron Wallwork regarding NTC's role in the event, reporting back to the next meeting.

Cllr Burch

L/09/03/15 **WATER FEATURE IN THE MEMORIAL GARDENS**

Town Clerk advised that a quote had been received and accepted to replace the pads in the water feature but it now appeared that the pump was not working. The contractor had agreed to look at the pump when replacing the pads but meanwhile Councillors Cole and Hudson would look at it and report back to the Town Council.

L/09/03/16 **NEWMARKET LEISURE CENTRE**

Councillor Hirst reported that he had met the Leisure Centre Trustees and been advised that more time was to be given to adult evening swimming sessions after 1st April. There would also be free swimming for over 60's in general swimming time.

Following a discussion regarding complaints, Councillor Uney advised that these should be notified via forms kept on Reception at the Leisure Centre.

L/09/03/17 **TOWN KEEPER'S REPORT**

Town Clerk advised that the Town Keeper had maintained the Memorial Gardens to their usual standard.

L/09/03/18 **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

The Committee noted the following correspondence:

- 1 Wacky Snacky Club – Thanks for grant
- 2 West Suffolk Blind – Thanks for grant

L/09/03/19 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, 14th April 2009 at 7.15 pm.

L/09/03/20 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS & PUBLIC**

With the vote being unanimous, it was

L/09/03/20.01 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 8.27 pm.

Signed _____ Date _____