



Newmarket

TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Leisure Services Committee
held on Monday, 11th May 2009 at 7.15 pm at the Memorial Hall, Newmarket

Attendance :

Councillor M Jefferys, Chairman
Councillor D Hudson, Vice-Chairman
Councillor W Burch
Councillor K Bovill
Councillor G Cole
Councillor R Fletcher
Councillor W Hirst
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

	Minute	Action by
L/09/05/1	<u>APOLOGIES</u> Apologies were received from Councillor J Richer.	
L/09/05/2	<u>ABSENT</u> Councillor C Brighty was absent.	
L/09/05/3	<u>DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS & CONSIDER UPDATE OF REGISTER OF INTEREST</u> None noted.	
L/09/05/4	<u>TO CONFIRM THE MEETING HELD ON 14th APRIL 09</u> Councillor Jefferys signed the minutes of the Leisure Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 14 th April 09, as a correct record.	
L/09/05/5	<u>MATTERS ARISING</u> None noted.	
L/09/05/6	<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/09/05/7

REPORT FROM SPORT FOR THE SEVERALS SUB-COMMITTEE

Councillor Hirst reported that he and Councillor Fletcher had met with the Project Manager and agreed to recommend a local contractor. It was hoped that work on the pitch would commence shortly and on the pavilion in June. Following confirmation of the contract, Town Clerk could then apply to the sponsor for the remainder of the money.

After discussion, the following recommendation was agreed:

L/09/05/7.01 Recommendation

That the Council agree with the Project Manager's recommendation that the tender submitted by Cocksedge of Mildenhall be accepted.

L/09/05/8

UPDATE ON FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PLAY EQUIPMENT IN THE MEMORIAL GARDENS

Town Clerk advised that the Assistant to the Town Clerk was continuing to consult with parents and young children regarding play equipment in the Memorial Gardens and was preparing an application form for a grant from Awards for All.

Erika Jensen

L/09/05/9

DEBRIEF ON ST GEORGE'S DAY 2009 CELEBRATIONS

Councillor Hudson reported that the St George's Day concert had gone very well and he thanked everyone for all their efforts in helping to make it such a success. Local businesses had been generous and there has been much goodwill from the public. Councillor Jefferys offered his thanks and congratulations to Councillor Hudson for all his hard work.

L/09/05/9.01 Recommendation

That NTC organise an event each year to celebrate St George's Day.

Noted

L/09/05/10

PROGRESS REPORT ON CARNIVAL 2009

Councillor Hirst reported that arrangements were progressing and handling of the event had been agreed with the Police. FHDC were providing a dance event and the Committee were seeking further activities for older children.

L/09/05/11

TRAVELLING THEATRE PRODUCTIONS AT THE MEMORIAL HALL

Councillor Uney reported that she had attended a conference organised by Creative Arts East, Eastern Angles Theatre Company and FHDC with support from SCC, the aim being to promote drama, music and children's theatre in the community.

She had also attended a performance of Blackadder at the Memorial Hall and had been pleased to see the Hall so full. She felt it would be a huge benefit to bring travelling theatre to the town, both for the community and to promote the Memorial Hall. These events should not, however, compete with the NOMADS or the Cinema at Newmarket.

Councillor Uney also commended the performance of Return to Akenfield (by Eastern Angles) and a short puppet show she and seen (Creative Arts East).

L/09/05/11.01 Recommendation

That arrangements be made to hold a Halloween children's party which is to include a children's production, and a performance by the Eastern Angles Theatre production.

Kay Dawson

L/09/05/12 BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Councillor Bovill reported that the BOTB committee had decided to postpone this year's event as audience numbers had fallen significantly, there was a shortage of local bands and some feeling that the event had 'run its course', with young people preferring the club music scene.

However, to continue to facilitate opportunities for local bands to perform at the Memorial Hall, the committee had agreed to re-evaluate the BOTB and investigate funding streams to purchase sound equipment. An application would be made to the SCC Youth Fund towards the estimated £13,000 - £15,000 cost.

Two BOTB committee members were organising a monthly live music night at the Palomino on 17th June and if these nights were successful it was hoped to hold a live music event at the Memorial Hall in October/ November.

Councillor Turner thanked Councillor Bovill and the BOTB committee for all their hard work and hoped it was only a temporary disbanding of the event.

L/09/05/13 LIVE MUSIC EVENTS

Town Clerk advised that the Events Manager had investigated the cost of staging a live music event in September. The cost of a Tribute band such as ABBA would be from £1,800 for a 4-piece band or from £1,950 for a 5-piece band. The cost of Big Hair, who played popular 60's, 70's and 80's music, would be £650.

After discussion, the following recommendation was agreed:

L/09/05/13.01 Recommendation

That a concert be held in the Memorial Hall in September featuring the Big Hair band, at a cost of £650 for 2 x 50-minute sessions, sound system, lighting, etc.

Kay Dawson

L/09/05/14 TOWN KEEPER'S REPORT

Town Clerk reported that although the quote had been accepted from Tilbrooke's for hedge cutting in the Memorial Gardens, birds had nested and the work could not be carried out until the birds had flown.

The ice cream kiosk had been broken into and the Police had attended. Work had been carried out to repair the damaged roof.

L/09/05/15 **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

The Committee noted the following correspondence:

- 1 Cambridge Music Festival – to be held November 2009
- 2 Newmarket Scouts – letter of thanks for use of the Memorial Hall on St George’s Day

L/09/05/16 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday, 8th June 2009 at 7.15 pm.

L/09/05/17 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS & PUBLIC**

With the vote being unanimous, it was

L/09/05/17.01 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 7.58 pm.

Signed _____ Date _____