



# Newmarket

## TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Leisure Services Committee**  
**held on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at 7.15 pm at the Memorial Hall, Newmarket**

**Attendance :**

Councillor K Bovill, Chairman  
Councillor W Burch  
Councillor G Cole  
Councillor R Fletcher

Councillor P Hulbert  
Councillor M Jefferys  
Councillor J Uney  
Councillor W Hirst

Also Present: Vicky Bright – Assistant to the Town Clerk, Rosemary Foreman – Minute Assistant, 2 Members of the Press

	<b>Minute</b>	<b>Action by</b>
<b>L/10/04/1</b>	<b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b> Apologies were received from Councillors J Bailey and D Hudson, the Town Clerk and the Events Manager.	
<b>L/10/04/2</b>	<b><u>ABSENT</u></b> Councillors C Brighty and W Sadler were absent.	
<b>L/10/04/3</b>	<b><u>DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS &amp; CONSIDER UPDATE OF REGISTER OF INTEREST</u></b> None noted.	
<b>L/10/04/4</b>	<b><u>TO CONFIRM THE MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2010</u></b> L/10/03/5 – the Committee noted that Scaltback School was scheduled for closure in 2012, not 2011 as stated in Mr Dixon's letter.  With this amendment, Councillor Bovill signed the minutes of the Leisure Services Committee meeting held on Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2010, as a correct record.	
<b>L/10/04/5</b>	<b><u>MATTERS ARISING</u></b> None noted.	
<b>L/10/04/6</b>	<b><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></b> No members of the public were present.	
<b>L/10/04/7</b>	<b><u>REPORT ON THE MEMORIAL GARDENS PLAY EQUIPMENT OPENING EVENT</u></b> Councillor Bovill reported that the opening event on 27 <sup>th</sup> March went very well and was attended by a large number of residents. A great deal of positive feedback was received on the day and it was good to see so many young people enjoying the new play equipment. An email had been received from the County Play Officer responsible for allocating	

£56,000 through Playbuilder & Aiming High Grants, thanking everyone involved in the opening event. She appreciated the hard work and commitment given by all involved in making the project a resounding success which she hoped would be enjoyed for many years to come.

Councillor Bovill was also pleased to report that the project was completed on time and within budget, a detailed summary of which would be given to the next meeting. On behalf of the Committee, he thanked the Town Clerk, Assistant to the Town Clerk and Events Manager for working so tremendously hard to make it such a successful event.

Councillor Uney agreed it had been an amazing occasion with tremendous feedback from the young families present.

**L/10/04/8**

**STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS FOR ORGANISED EVENTS**

Councillor Uney expressed concern at the long hours worked by staff in organising and staging events and after discussion the following recommendation was agreed:

**L/10/04/8.01 Recommendation**

**That the Town Clerk be asked to prepare a report for the Employment & Staffing Committee regarding the hours worked by staff in organising and staging events.**

Town Clerk

**L/10/04/9**

**REPORT FROM SPORT FOR THE SEVERALS SUB-COMMITTEE**

Councillor Hirst reported that the pavilion was completed under budget and would be officially opened at 11.00 am on 30<sup>th</sup> April. A Press Release had been agreed and invitations were being sent out for the opening ceremony. The building would be open to the general public during the afternoon. The advertisement for a caretaker had been placed.

**L/10/04/9.01 Recommendation**

**That NTC send a letter of thanks to Darley for all their support in funding the Sport for the Severals project.**

Town Clerk

**L/10/04/10**

**ONGOING MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SEVERALS SPORTS PAVILION**

Councillor Fletcher reminded the Committee that a small sub-committee had been managing day-to-day issues during the construction of the sports pavilion and suggested that the sub-committee should continue in this role, possibly with some new members.

After discussion, it was agreed that the sub-committee should meet before the opening of the pavilion on 30<sup>th</sup> April and put forward a proposal for the future management of the new facilities.

CLlr Bovill



**L/10/04/15**     **COMEDY NIGHTS**

The Events Manager suggested introducing a comedy club to Newmarket as an additional event at the Memorial Hall on the second Friday of the month for three months commencing May 2010. The Blue Dog Comedy Club would pay all promotional costs and payment to acts, taking the revenue from all door sales/admission fees, while NTC would supply the Hall free of charge and take all Bar monies. The event would be for people aged 18+ only.

**L/10/04/15.01 Recommendation**

**That the Blue Dog Comedy Club hold an event at the Memorial Hall on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> May, and, should this be successful, hold similar events in June and July.**

Events Manager

**L/10/04/16**     **UPDATED EVENTS SCHEDULE**

The Committee received and noted the updated Events Schedule.

Councillors suggested that venues should be sought for annual and other events while the Memorial Hall was being refurbished and the Assistant to the Town Clerk agreed to seek suitable alternative venues.

Assistant to the  
Town Clerk

**L/10/04/17**     **TOWN KEEPER'S REPORT**

The Assistant to the Town Clerk advised that the sensory garden in the Memorial Gardens had been vandalised, with the competition sunflowers destroyed, signs smashed and the copper wind chime stolen. Police had been informed and a crime number allocated. Local schools would be informed that the sunflower competition could not now take place.

**L/10/04/18**     **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

None noted.

**L/10/04/19**     **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at 7.15 pm.

**L/10/04/20**     **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS & PUBLIC**

With the vote being unanimous, it was

**L/10/04/20.01 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 8.12 pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

