



Newmarket

T O W N C O U N C I L

Minutes of a Meeting of the Leisure Services Committee
held on Monday, 8th March 2010 at 7.15 pm at the Memorial Hall, Newmarket

Attendance :

Councillor K Bovill, Chairman	Councillor P Hulbert
Councillor D Hudson, Vice-Chairman	Councillor M Jefferys
Councillor W Burch	Councillor W Sadler
Councillor G Cole	Councillor J Uney
Councillor R Fletcher	Councillor J Bailey
Councillor W Hirst	

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

Minute	Action by
L/10/03/1 <u>APOLOGIES</u> There were no apologies.	
L/10/03/2 <u>ABSENT</u> Councillor C Brighty was absent.	
L/10/03/3 <u>DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS & CONSIDER UPDATE OF REGISTER OF INTEREST</u> None noted.	
L/10/03/4 <u>TO CONFIRM THE MEETING HELD ON 8th FEBRUARY 2010</u> Councillor Bovill signed the minutes of the Leisure Services Committee meeting held on Monday, 8 th February 2010, as a correct record.	
L/10/03/5 <u>MATTERS ARISING</u> Town Clerk advised that a planning application had been submitted in respect of pollarding the trees in the Memorial Gardens. L/10/02/8 – Councillor Sadler advised that SCC were amenable to selling the whole Scaltback Middle School site but were not prepared to give a long lease to the Newmarket RUFC. The Committee received the letter from Graham Dixon, SCC Director of Resource Management, and noted that the School was scheduled for closure in 2011. NRUFC had a lease until 2018 and the future use of the site was being discussed in detail with all interested parties, including Sport England, who actively promoted the retention and use of such recreational facilities. Several meetings had taken place recently between FHDC, the western area Schools Organisation Review team, SCC planning department and NRUFC. In addition, Mr Dixon, Councillor Chambers and Mr Frank Stockley had met and scoped options around the NRUFC and would be contacting them to discuss and develop those options further. Councillor Jeffereys advised that a site meeting had taken place and he was optimistic of the outcome.	

L/10/03/6 **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**

No members of the public were present.

L/10/03/7 **PROGRESS REPORT ON PLAY EQUIPMENT IN THE MEMORIAL GARDENS**

Councillor Bovill advised that adverse weather conditions had delayed the start of works until 15th February and a burst water pipe caused further delays, but works were now progressing well and the new equipment installation would be completed by 12th March. The disabled accessible roundabout was due to be installed on 15th March.

Newmarket in Bloom had donated plants and flowers for the sensory gardens and the Town Keeper would be planting these with assistance from the Foley House Youth Club when weather permitted.

Tremendous support had been received from the local community and a strong team of volunteers enlisted for the refurbishment project. Volunteers included representatives from Newmarket Youth Council, Newmarket CRU, Foley House Youth Club, Newmarket College, 6 PCSOs from the SNT, Town Pastors and volunteers from the Voluntary Network.

The opening event was scheduled for Saturday, 27th March, from 11 am – 2 pm and would include face painting by the Forest Heath Play Rangers, a Circus Skills Workshop funded by FHDC, and refreshments at the Memorial Hall at 1 pm.

Representatives from the Newmarket Youth Services, Newmarket CRU, Newmarket Youth Council and Foley House Youth Club were also expected and it was hoped that the Foley House Children's Centre Play Bus and the What's Up Truck would also attend.

The event would be officially opened by the Town Mayor cutting the ribbon, followed by speeches by 2 representatives from the Newmarket Community.

Following the successful involvement of the local community in this project, Councillor Uney suggested they should be encouraged to become involved in other events, such as the Carnival.

L/10/03/8 **REPORT FROM SPORT FOR THE SEVERALS SUB-COMMITTEE**

Councillor Hirst reported that there were a few minor items awaiting completion before the building could be handed over and it was agreed that the Town Clerk should arrange a site meeting with the Project Manager to finalise these issues.

Meeting to take place 18th March

Discussion then took place regarding the email received from Mr Neil Vollenhoven complaining that the article in the Town Crier made no mention of Sport Newmarket's valuable contribution in securing the funds for the project. The Committee agreed that a further meeting of the Sport for the Severals Sub-Committee should be arranged and Mr Vollenhoven invited to attend.

Done invited NV
to 18th March
meeting

L/10/03/9 **REPORT FROM OLYMPICS & PARALYMPICS SUB-COMMITTEE**

Councillor Jefferys advised that the project launch had been held at the British Racing School. First Schools would be holding a Primary Olympics in Summer 2010, with a similar event for Years 7, 8 and 9, teams comprising youngsters from all schools. There would also be sport for older students and grants were being pursued for trainers and equipment. Following the 2010 competitions, the event would build up to 2011 and 2012 and he hoped the closure of the Middle Schools would not affect the competitions.

L/10/03/10 **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

The Committee noted the report prepared by the Assistant to the Town Clerk and agreed that this matter should be referred to the Community Services Committee for discussion. Councillors were asked to consider ideas for suitable projects but noted that match funding was encouraged.

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L/10/03/11 **UPDATE ON ST GEORGE'S DAY CELEBRATIONS**

Councillor Hudson reported that the Galaxy Big Band had been booked at a cost of £1,000 and money, sausages and a barrel of beer had been donated. Tickets were £6.00 each and doors would open at 5.00 pm, the event commencing at 6.00 pm. The Newmarket Scouts would provide a guard of honour at the door. Town Clerk advised that the cost of the event was already covered through sponsorship, etc.

L/10/03/12 **TOWN KEEPER'S REPORT**

Town Clerk advised that the Town Keeper had helped in the Memorial Gardens, met Foley House Youth Club representatives regarding planting flowers in the sensory garden, and drawn up a plan of the trees which needed pollarding.

L/10/03/13 **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

The Committee noted the following correspondence:

- 1 Newmarket Breast Cancer Support Group – Thanks for Grant
- 2 The Friendly Club – Thanks for Grant

L/10/03/14 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday, 12th April 2010 at 7.15 pm.

L/10/03/15 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS & PUBLIC**

With the vote being unanimous, it was

L/10/03/15.01 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 7.50 pm.

Signed _____ Date _____