



# Newmarket

## TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Memorial Hall Regeneration Committee  
held on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at 6.00 pm at the Memorial Hall, Newmarket**

**Attendance :**

Councillor W Burch, Chairman  
Councillor K Bovill, Vice-Chairman  
Councillor W Hirst  
Councillor G Jaggard  
Councillor C Turner, Town Mayor  
Councillor J Bailey, Deputy Town Mayor  
Mr Henry Martin

Also Present: Kay Dawson - Events Manager, Rosemary Foreman – Minute Assistant

Minute	Action by
<p><b>M/09/04/1</b>    <b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b> Apologies were received from Councillor M Jefferys and Mr G Lambton.</p>	
<p><b>M/09/04/2</b>    <b><u>DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS &amp; CONSIDER UPDATE OF REGISTER OF INTEREST</u></b> None noted.</p>	
<p><b>M/09/04/3</b>    <b><u>TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2009</u></b> Councillor Burch signed the minutes of the Memorial Hall Regeneration Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 09, as a correct record.</p>	
<p><b>M/09/04/4</b>    <b><u>MATTERS ARISING</u></b> Councillor Turner pointed out that the Town Keeper's Report had been omitted from recent Agendas and it was agreed that the Town Clerk should be asked to include this on future Agendas.</p>	Town Clerk
<p><b>M/09/04/5</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.</p>	
<p><b>M/09/04/6</b>    <b><u>UPDATE RELATED TO FHDC GRANT</u></b> Councillor Hirst reported that he had held informal meetings with FHDC Officers and, although NTC's proposal to apply for a smaller grant was received favourably, it was unlikely that any funds would be available in the current economic climate and the uncertainty regarding the Local Government Review. It was possible, however, that they would grant a loan at a good rate of interest.</p>	

- M/09/04/7**     **REPLY FROM RICHARD SPRING MP**  
The Committee noted that Mr Spring MP had agreed to look into the matter of raising funds for the Memorial Hall.
- M/09/04/8**     **NTC FUNDING EFFORTS**  
Councillor Burch advised that the Assistant to the Town Clerk was investigating other funding sources.
- M/09/04/9**     **UPDATE ON ANNUAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH A PUBLIC WORKS LOAN**  
Councillor Hirst reported that he had investigated the annual costs and terms of a Public Works Loan and been advised that it was possible to borrow £1,000,000 over 50 years. The £50,000 annual cost involved could be met by raising the Precept by approximately 7% on top of any overall annual increase. The additional funding required could then be raised by smaller grants from FHDC, SCC, and other funding sources.
- Mr Martin suggested that the cost of the proposed works could be less than estimated due to the current economic climate.
- After discussion, the following recommendation was agreed:
- M/09/04/9.01 Recommendation**  
**That in accordance with LGA 2003, schedule 1, s2 (1a) an application be made for a Public Works Loan of £1,000,000.**
- M/09/04/10**    **GRANTS FROM THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS**  
The Committee agreed that the Assistant to the Town Clerk collate information and identify funding sources, seeking help and advice from SCC where appropriate, and report back to the meetings of the Memorial Hall Committee.
- M/09/04/11**    **SECTION 106**  
The Committee that FHDC were collating the relevant information and would contact the Town Clerk as soon as possible.
- M/09/04/12**    **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  
Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30 pm.
- M/09/04/13**    **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS & PUBLIC**  
With the vote being unanimous, it was

See attached  
paperwork  
included with TC  
28.04.09 Agenda

**M/09/04/13.01 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 6.30 pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_