



Newmarket

T O W N C O U N C I L

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Memorial Hall Regeneration Committee
held on Tuesday, 10th February 2009 at 6.30 pm at the Memorial Hall, Newmarket**

Attendance :

Councillor W Burch, Chairman
Councillor K Bovill, Vice-Chairman
Councillor W Hirst
Councillor C Turner, Town Mayor
Councillor J Bailey, Deputy Town Mayor

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

Minute	Action by
<p>M/09/02/1 <u>APOLOGIES</u> Apologies were received from Councillors G Jaggard, M Jefferys and Mr Henry Martin.</p>	
<p>M/09/02/2 <u>DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS & CONSIDER UPDATE OF REGISTER OF INTEREST</u> None noted.</p>	
<p>M/09/02/3 <u>TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 13th JANUARY 2009</u> Councillor Burch signed the minutes of the Memorial Hall Regeneration Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 13th January 09, as a correct record.</p>	
<p>M/09/02/4 <u>MATTERS ARISING</u> None noted.</p>	
<p>M/09/02/5 <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>	
<p>M/09/02/6 <u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u> Tuesday, 10th March at 6.30 pm.</p>	
<p>M/09/02/7 <u>EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS & PUBLIC</u> With the vote being unanimous, it was</p>	

M/09/02/7 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.

M/09/02/8

*****FINANCIAL OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR REFURBISHMENT OF THE MEMORIAL HALL**

The Committee expressed their disappointment at the rejection of their application to FHDC for a grant of £1,000,000 towards the refurbishment of the Memorial Hall and after discussions regarding the best way forward made the following recommendations:

M/09/02/8.01 Recommendation

That the Town Clerk obtain a quote for the annual costs of a Public Works Loan of £500,000.

Town Clerk

M/09/02/8.02 Recommendation

That the Town Clerk write to FHDC and ask why the grant application was considered in private.

Town Clerk

M/09/02/8.03 Recommendation

That Councillor Hirst investigate the possibility of a smaller grant from FHDC.

Cllr Hirst

M/09/02/8.04 Recommendation

That the possibility of grants from the private sector be investigated.

All

M/09/02/8.05 Recommendation

That Section 106 be put on large future developments for investment into local projects.

D&P Cttee

The preferred developer debriefed members on the latest developments related to the refurbishment of the hall. However, due to the short notice Cllrs agreed to discuss the latest development in detail at the next meeting of the Committee scheduled to be held in March 09.

The meeting closed at 7.18 pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____