



Newmarket

TOWN COUNCIL

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

Attendance :

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

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

Minute	Action by
<p>M/09/03/1 <u>APOLOGIES</u> Apologies were received from Councillor G Jaggard.</p>	
<p>M/09/03/2 <u>DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS & CONSIDER UPDATE OF REGISTER OF INTEREST</u> None noted.</p>	
<p>M/09/03/3 <u>TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 10th FEBRUARY 2009</u> Councillor Burch signed the minutes of the Memorial Hall Regeneration Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 10th February 09, as a correct record.</p>	
<p>M/09/03/4 <u>MATTERS ARISING</u> None noted.</p>	
<p>M/09/03/5 <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><i>Following a suggestion by Councillor Burch, Item 7 on the Agenda was brought forward.</i></p>	
<p>M/09/03/6 <u>OPTION AVAILABLE FROM THE PREFERRED DEVELOPER</u> After discussion, the Committee made the following recommendation:</p>	

M/09/03/6.01 Recommendation

That the preferred developer be informed that the Council were not prepared to consider schemes other than for office development.

M/09/03/7

THE WAY FORWARD FOR THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE MEMORIAL HALL

The Committee discussed ways in which further funding could be obtained and Councillor Hirst suggested that a further application be made to FHDC.

Mr Martin advised that progress had been made as the planning application had been approved and a business plan drawn up to support requests for funding. He also advised that it was likely that government funds would be released in the near future either directly or through County Councils to generate business and employment and suggested that the help of the local MP be sought.

Councillor Turner referred members to Councillor Chambers' letter regarding other funds available at County and District levels and offering her support.

Councillor Edge offered to seek the advice of other County Financial Resources Officers.

M/09/03/7.01 Recommendation

That a further request be submitted to FHDC for a grant of £650,000 towards the cost of refurbishing the Memorial Hall and that Cllr Hirst and Town Clerk liaise on the submission.

Cllr Hirst/Town Clerk

M/09/03/7.02 Recommendation

That the Town Clerk writes to Richard Spring MP to make him aware of our project and information is obtained regarding the release of government funds for local building projects.

Town Clerk

M/09/03/7.03 Recommendation

That Councillor Chambers' advice be sought regarding the availability of other County and District funding sources.

Town Clerk

M/09/03/8

ANNUAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH A PUBLIC WORKS LOAN

Councillor Hirst advised that the cost of a £500,000 Public Works Loan over 25 years would be £33,000 per annum or £25,000 per annum over 50 years.

M/09/03/9

GRANTS FROM THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS

The Committee made various suggestions regarding funding sources including smaller community grants and health and well-being grants.

M/09/03/10 **SECTION 106**

Following advice from the Town Clerk that FHDC might have Section 106 funds which could be allocated to the refurbishment of the Memorial Hall, the Committee made the following recommendation:

M/09/03/10.01 Recommendation

That Town Clerk contact FHDC Officer Lynda Pope to request information on Section 106 funding received or requested by FHDC over the last five years to establish whether any of these funds could be allocated towards the refurbishment of the Memorial Hall.

Town Clerk

M/09/03/11 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, 7th April at 6.30 pm.

M/09/03/12 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS & PUBLIC**

With the vote being unanimous, it was

M/09/03/12 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 7.25 pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____