



# 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, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at 6.30 pm at the Memorial Hall, Newmarket**

**Attendance :**

Councillor W Burch, Chairman  
Councillor C Turner  
Councillor W Hirst  
Councillor J Bailey, Town Mayor  
Councillor M Jefferys  
Mr G Lambton

Also Present: Erika Jensen – Assistant to the Town Clerk, Rosemary Foreman – Minute Assistant

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<p><b>M/09/09/1 <u>APOLOGIES</u></b> Apologies were received from Councillors K Bovill and G Jaggard and Mr Henry Martin.</p>	
<p><b>M/09/09/2 <u>DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS &amp; CONSIDER UPDATE OF REGISTER OF INTEREST</u></b> None noted.</p>	
<p><b>M/09/09/3 <u>TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> JULY 2009</u></b> Councillor Burch signed the minutes of the Memorial Hall Regeneration Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> July 09, as a correct record.</p>	
<p><b>M/09/09/4 <u>MATTERS ARISING</u></b> None noted.</p>	
<p>Cllr Hirst proposed that items 7 and 8 be discussed under the Public Exempt part of the meeting. After further discussion, the Committee resolved that both items be discussed under the Public Exempt part of the meeting.</p>	
<p><b>M/09/09/5 <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></b> Cllr J Richer expressed concern at the proposal to take on a Public Works Loan and urged the Committee to think very carefully about what the Memorial Hall was used for – headquarters of Newmarket Town Council and Community Hall. He questioned whether it was worth spending £1m to provide a programme of events and asked whether other locations could be available for housing the Newmarket Town Council. FHDC did not wish to invest in the hall and he questioned whether the Town Council should put council tax payers in debt for many years in the future.</p>	

**M/09/09/6 PROGRESS REPORT ON APPLICATION FOR A PUBLIC WORKS LOAN**

Councillor Burch reported that approval from the Secretary of State had been received to apply for a £500,000 Public Works Loan no later than 6<sup>th</sup> February 2010, with an option for a further £500,000 after April 2010.

**M/09/09/7 RE-ASSESSMENT OF CURRENT REFURBISHMENT PLANS**

Councillor Burch advised that, as the original estimate for the refurbishment of the Hall was £1.3m, it was necessary to revisit the plans and set priorities.

**M/09/09/8 REPORT FROM THE TOWN KEEPER**

None noted.

**M/09/09/9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at 6.30 pm.

**M/09/09/10 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS & PUBLIC**

With the vote being unanimous, it was

**M/09/09/10.01 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.

**M/09/09/11 \*\*\*SECTION 106 RELATED TO NEWMARKET**

Councillor Hirst updated the Committee that there might be funds available under the Section 106.

**M/09/09/12 \*\*\*ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE MEMORIAL HALL**

After discussion, the Committee agreed that the full financial implications of a Public Works Loan, together with the costs of relocating the Council offices, repairs needed to the Memorial Hall, etc, be presented to the next meeting, when a recommendation would be made on moving the project forward.

Asst to the Town Clerk

The meeting closed at 7.20 pm.

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

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