



Newmarket

TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Leisure Services Committee **Held on Monday 2nd December 2024 at 7:20pm**

Attendance:

Councillor R Nobbs (Chair)
Councillor J Borda

Councillor P Hulbert
Councillor S Perry
Councillor P Winter

Also Present: C Whitaker – Town Clerk, C O'Reilly – Events Manager, J Ashton – Minute Assistant, N Alecock – Deputy Town Clerk as an observer and 1 Member of the Press.

L/24/12/1 Chair to Read the Fire Safety Notice and Announce that Proceedings May be Filmed or Recorded

The Chair opened the meeting and announced that the fire safety briefing was not required and that the meeting was being recorded by the Minute Assistant.

L/24/12/2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Harvey and Jarvis.

L/24/12/3 Declaration of Member's Interests and to Remind Councillors of the Need to Keep up to Date Their Register of Member's Interests and to Consider Any Requests Received for Members Dispensation

None noted. There were no requests for dispensation.

L/24/12/4 To Receive and Confirm for Accuracy the Minutes of the Leisure Services Committee Meeting Held on Monday 7th October 2024 and Any Matters Arising

Members received the minutes of the Leisure Services Committee meeting held on 7th October 2024 and the following was agreed:

L/24/12/4.01 Resolved

That the minutes of the Leisure Services Committee meeting held on 7th October 2024 be adopted and signed as a true record by the Chair of the Leisure Services Committee.

Matters arising.:

Page 2 – L/24/10/08 – the Twinning Working Group is still to be set up.

L/24/12/5 Public Open Session

No members of the public were present.

L/24/12/6 To Receive the Accounts

The draft accounts for November 2024 were received and noted.

L/24/12/7 Draft Budget Proposal 2025/2026

The draft Leisure Services Committee budget for 2025/2026 was presented and the following was agreed:

Book number 15 2024 -2025

L/24/12/7.01 Recommendation

That the draft budget for the Leisure Services Committee for 2025/2026 be approved at £213,064.

L/24/12/8 Events Update

Christmas 2024 – A report was presented and discussed on the planned activities.

St George's Day - Saturday 19th April 2025 at the Severals and Pavilion 1:00pm – 4:00pm with food and entertainment with a patriotic/mediaeval theme.

Newmarket Earth Day 2025 - A proposal was made to postpone the event from Saturday 26th April 2025 to 25th April 2026 in Memorial Gardens and Memorial Hall 11:00am – 3:00pm to allow for appropriate preparation and planning. The following was agreed:

L/24/12/8.01 Recommendation

That the Newmarket Earth Day 2025 event be postponed and be held 25th April 2026 to allow for preparation and planning.

VE Day 2025 – Thursday 8th May 2025 Severals 9:00am Town Crier and raising of the VE flag 9:00pm hot drinks at the Pavilion veranda with National Beacon lighting at 9:30pm.

Twinning 2025 – Maisons laFitte – 6th – 9th June 2025 has been suggested by the French committee for Newmarket to visit Maisons laFitte. Twinning Working Group to discuss, publicise and arrange the visit.

Budget: Most costs to be borne by the twinning visitors and the hosts in France. There is some Twinning budget for any costs incurred by NTC.

Carnival 2025 – Saturday 5th July 2025 1:00pm – 6:00pm Parade along the High Street to the Severals. Community Groups and organisations to take part in the walking parade from Memorial Gardens to the Severals Grounds (road closure required). Entertainments, acts, music, food, and activities.

Budget - £15,000

VJ Day 2025 – Friday 15th August The Severals and Pavilion – details to be confirmed by Royal Pageant-Master. Possibly, as per VE Day for a National Beacon Event. Stakeholders currently looking into putting on a war-time exhibition in the Pavilion for the day/evening.

Summer Entertainment 2025 – the following dates were proposed: Thursdays 2025 – July 24th & 31st, August 7th at the Memorial Hall Gardens, 14th & 21st the Severals Grounds and Pavilion – as per 2024 split.

Times: 1:00pm to 4:00pm. The following was agreed:

Book number 16 2024 -2025

L/24/12/8.02 Recommendation

That the Summer Entertainment 2025 be held on Thursdays: July 24th & 31st, August 7th at the Memorial Hall Gardens, 14th & 21st at the Severals Grounds and Pavilion – as per 2024 split Times: 1:00pm to 4:00pm

14th August will be on the Severals, to fit in with the VJ Exhibition in the Pavilion.

Budget: £12,000 currently proposed budget 25/26. (EMR reserve available).

HAF 2025 Consideration for NTC School Holiday Events – A report on the Holiday Activity fund and proposal that NTC does not participate in 2025 was considered and the following was agreed:

L/24/12/8.03 Recommendation

That NTC does not participate directly in the HAF (Holiday Activity Fund) 2025 scheme, but that NTC facilities be offered to organisations participating in the scheme at a favourable cost.

A member of the press left the meeting.

Events Manager to reach out to local school holiday activity providers such as Prestige Sports, Premier Sports, Newmarket School of Dance, Formations Dance Company and the various local Newmarket primary schools to gauge interest of NTC being a host venue for organisations participating in the scheme.

L/24/12/9 Correspondence

None noted.

L/24/12/10 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 3rd February 2025 at the Memorial Hall.

Meeting closed at 8:00pm.

Signed _____ Cllr Nobbs _____ Date _____ 03/02/2025 _____

Summary of Recommendations

Recommendation	Recommendation Wording
<u>L/24/12/7.01 Recommendation</u>	That the draft budget for the Leisure Services Committee for 2025/2026 be approved at £213,064.
<u>L/24/12/8.1 Recommendation</u>	That the Newmarket Earth Day 2025 event be postponed and be held 25th April 2026 to allow for preparation and planning.
<u>L/24/12/8.02 Recommendation</u>	That the Summer Entertainment 2025 be held on Thursdays: July 24th & 31st, August 7th at the Memorial Hall Gardens, 14th & 21st at the Severals Grounds and Pavilion – as per 2024 split Times: 1:00pm to 4:00pm
<u>L/24/12/8.3 Recommendation</u>	That NTC does not participate directly in the HAF

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	(Holiday Activity Fund) 2025 scheme, but that NTC facilities be offered to organisations participating in the scheme at a favourable cost.
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