



# Newmarket

## TOWN COUNCIL

### **Minutes of a Meeting of the Leisure Services Committee** **Held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 at 7:25pm**

#### **Attendance:**

Councillor R Nobbs (Chair)  
Councillor J Borda  
Councillor J Harvey  
Councillor P Hulbert

Councillor J Jarvis  
Councillor S Perry  
Councillor P Winter

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

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**L/25/02/1    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/25/02/2    Apologies for Absence**

None noted.

**L/25/02/3    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/25/02/4    To Receive and Confirm for Accuracy the Minutes of the Leisure Services Committee Meeting Held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024 and Any Matters Arising**

Members received the minutes of the Leisure Services Committee meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024 and the following was agreed:

**L/25/02/4.01 Resolved**

**That the minutes of the Leisure Services Committee meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024 be adopted and signed as a true record by the Chair of the Leisure Services Committee.**

There were no matters arising.

**L/25/02/5    Public Open Session**

No members of the public were present.

**L/25/02/6    To Receive the Accounts**

The draft accounts for January 2025 were received and noted.

**L/25/02/7    Memorial Hall Re-decoration Project**

Plans and quotes for the re-decoration of the Memorial Hall were considered and the following was agreed:

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**L25/02/7.01 Recommendation**

**That quote from Newmarket Decorating Company for £11,910 to re-decorate the Memorial Hall be approved.**

**L/25/02/8    Events Update**

An update report was received giving a summary of all currently planned future events for 2025/2026.

**Twinning 2025 – Maisons laFitte** – dates are now confirmed as 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025 for Newmarket to visit Maisons laFitte, with approximately 30 people travelling from Newmarket currently.

**Christmas at the Severals 2025** – 1<sup>st</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025 a new series of Christmas events/workshops to be held in the Pavilion with a marquee extension to give wet weather provision.

Budget £10,000 plus possible EMR.

The following was agreed:

**L/25/02/8.01 Recommendation**

**That a Christmas event be held at the Severals in principle, subject to time and costings.**

**L/25/02/9    Railway 200**

A report on the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the modern railway was considered, and the following was agreed:

**L/25/02/9.01 Recommendation**

**That the Memorial Hall be used to host a Model Railway Exhibition for a weekend in August 2025 free of charge with chargeable light refreshments being provided.**

Funding towards the replacement of history boards on the station approach will be discussed once further information has been received.

Cllr Perry will look into setting up a Friends of Newmarket Station Group supported by the Dullingham Group.

**L/25/02/10    Correspondence**

None noted.

**L/25/02/11    Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at the Memorial Hall.

Meeting closed at 8:03pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Cllr Nobbs \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ 7/4/25 \_\_\_\_\_

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### Summary of Recommendations

| Recommendation                            | Recommendation Wording                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <b><u>L/25/02/8.01 Recommendation</u></b> | <b>That a Christmas event be held at the Severals in principle, subject to time and costings.</b>                                                                      |
| <b><u>L/25/02/9.01 Recommendation</u></b> | <b>That the Memorial Hall be used to host a Model Railway Exhibition for a weekend in August 2025 free of charge with chargeable light refreshments being provided</b> |

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