



Newmarket

TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Leisure Services Committee **Held on Monday 2nd June 2025 at 7:15pm**

Attendance:

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

Councillor J Jarvis
Councillor P Winter (Vice Chair)

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

L/25/06/1 To Elect a Chairman

Cllr Winter took the Chair and asked for nominations for Chair of the Leisure Services Committee. Cllr Winter nominated Cllr Harvey for Chair; seconded by Cllr Hulbert. There were no other nominations, a vote was taken, and the following was agreed:

D/25/06/1.01 Resolved

That Cllr Harvey be elected as the Chairman of the Leisure Services Committee for 2025/2026 Municipal Year.

Councillor Harvey took the Chair and thanked Cllr Nobbs, who has stepped down from the Committee due to work commitments, for all his work over the past years for Leisure Services.

L/25/06/2 To Elect a Vice Chairman

Cllr Harvey nominated Cllr Winter as Vice Chair; seconded by Cllr Hulbert. There were no other nominations, a vote was taken, and the following was agreed:

D/25/06/2.01 Resolved

That Cllr Winter be elected as the Vice Chairman of the Leisure Services Committee for 2025/2026 Municipal Year.

L/25/06/3 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.

L/25/06/4 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr Perry.

L/25/06/5 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/25/06/6 To Receive and Confirm for Accuracy the Minutes of the Leisure Services Committee Meeting Held on Monday 7th April 2025 and Any Matters Arising

Members received the minutes of the Leisure Services Committee meeting held on 7th

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April 2025 and Cllr Harvey made a proposal seconded by Cllr Borda. A vote was taken which was unanimous and the following was agreed:

L/25/06/6.01 Resolved

That the minutes of the Leisure Services Committee meeting held on 7th April 2025 be adopted and signed as a true record by the Chair of the Leisure Services Committee.

There were no matters arising.

L/25/06/7 Public Open Session

No members of the public were present.

L/25/06/8 To Receive the Accounts

The draft accounts for May 2025 were received and noted.

L/25/06/9 Events Update

St George's Day 2025 – feedback was given on a successful themed afternoon during the Easter holidays.

VE Day 2025 – feedback was given on the National Beacon Lighting event, with good representation from Newmarket Academy and town stakeholders.

Twinning 2025 – Maisons-Laffitte – feedback was given on the recent trip by a group of residents, staff and Deputy Mayor Cllr Harvey to Maisons- Laffitte in mid-May. The Amis Newmarket provided a very full and interesting programme of events and a good welcome.

Carnival 2025 – Saturday 28th June 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. Entertainments, acts, music, food, and activities.

VJ Day 2025 – Friday 15th August The Severals and Pavilion – details still to be confirmed by the 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. Hot drinks served at the Pavilion.

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.

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

Christmas at the Severals 2025 – 1st – 14th December 2025 a new series of Christmas events/workshops to be held in the Pavilion with a marquee extension. Small fair with onsite security nearside of the Severals. Budget £10,000 plus possible EMR contribution.

Cllr Harvey proposed that Christmas 2025 be run on the Severals; seconded by Cllr Winter. A vote was taken which was unanimous and the following was agreed:

L/25/06/9.01 Recommendation

That Christmas 2025 be run on the Severals during December 3rd – 10th December 2025.

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Newmarket Earth Day 2026 - Saturday 25th April 2026 in the Memorial Gardens and Memorial Hall 10am to 1pm. There will be stalls, information, activities, food and entertainment with an environmental nature/bee theme. Working Group is meeting.

L/25/06/10 Window Shutters

A proposal for window shutters to be installed in the Memorial main hall was considered. Cllr Harvey made a proposal seconded by Cllr Borda. A vote was taken which was unanimous and the following was agreed:

L25/06/10.01 Recommendation

That the proposal by Hilary's for window shutters to be installed in the Memorial main hall be approved at £9,887.81.

L/25/06/11 Correspondence

None noted.

L/25/06/12 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 4th August 2025 at the Memorial Hall.

Meeting closed at 7.34pm.

Signed ____ Cllr Harvey _____ Date ____ 4/8/25 _____

Summary of Recommendations

Recommendation	Recommendation Wording
<u>D/25/06/1.01 Resolved</u>	That Cllr Harvey be elected as the Chairman of the Leisure Services Committee for 2025/2026 Municipal Year.
<u>D/25/05/2.01 Resolved</u>	That Cllr Winter be elected as the Vice Chairman of the Leisure Services Committee for 2025/2026 Municipal Year.
<u>L/25/06/6.01 Resolved</u>	That the minutes of the Leisure Services Committee meeting held on 7th April 2025 be adopted and signed as a true record by the Chair of the Leisure Services Committee.
<u>L/25/06/9.01 Recommendation</u>	That Christmas 2025 be run on the Severals during December 3rd – 10th December 2025.
<u>L25/06/10.01 Recommendation</u>	That the proposal by Hilary's for window shutters to be installed in the Memorial main hall be approved at £9,887.81.