



Newmarket

TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Leisure Services Committee **Held on Monday 7th April 2026 at 7:15pm**

Attendance:

Councillor J McHugh (Chair)

Councillor S Kavanagh

Councillor J Borda

Councillor J Harvey

Councillor P Hulbert

Also Present: C Whitaker – Town Clerk, C O'Reilly – Events Manager, one member of the Press, one member of the public

L/26/04/1 Chair to Read the Fire Safety Notice and Announce that Proceedings May be Filmed or Recorded

The Chair opened the meeting, announced that the fire safety notice was not required and confirmed that the meeting is not being recorded.

L/26/04/2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were noted for Councillors Jarvis and Winter.

L/26/04/3 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/26/04/4 To Receive and Confirm for Accuracy the Minutes of the Leisure Services Committee Meeting Held on Monday 2nd February 2026 and Any Matters Arising

Members received the minutes of the Leisure Services Committee meeting held on 2nd February 2026 and Cllr McHugh made a proposal, seconded by Cllr Borda. A vote was taken which was unanimous and the following was agreed:

L/26/04/4.01 Resolved

That the minutes of the Leisure Services Committee meeting held on 2nd February 2026 be adopted and signed as a true record by the Chair of the Leisure Services Committee.

L/26/04/5 Public Open Session

No members of the public wished to speak.

L/26/04/6 To Receive the Accounts

The draft accounts for March 2026 were received and noted.

L/26/04/7 Working Group Reports for LS

There were no reports.

L/26/04/8 Events Update

The Events Manager gave an update on the Earth Day Event on 25th April 2026.

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Current planned events:**April** – Newmarket Earth Day**June** – Maisons Lafitte Twinning visit to Newmarket - Friday evening drinks reception and canapes at Town Hall. Saturday vineyard tour and wine tasting, then Apex show. Sunday Ely, afternoon tea and Sunday Supper at Heath Court Hotel.**June** - Lexington Singers visiting Newmarket - Friday 26th June - joint concert with Newmarket Community Choir –Afternoon buffet reception at Masonic Lodge. Concert at Memorial Hall.**July/August** - Summer Entertainment 23rd and 30th July 2026, 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th August 2026 – Memorial Gardens and Memorial Hall**September** – Grenadier Guards – Saturday 12th September 2026 - conferment of Freedom of the Town – High Street Parade to Tattersalls**October** - Halloween event in half term 2026**November** – Remembrance Service – Sunday 8th November 2026 – Service at the War Memorial followed by a High Street Parade to Tattersalls for a Service.**December** – Christmas 2026 event(s)**L/26/04/9 International Event 2027**

A possible event for September 2027 was discussed – an international day to celebrate the unity and diversity of Newmarket. This would possibly merge with the previously discussed Food Festival. Cllr McHugh made a proposal seconded by Cllr Harvey. A vote was taken which was unanimous and the following was agreed:

L/26/04/9.01 Recommendation

The Committee support the proposal in principle for an International Day event in 2027. The Events Manager to reach out to the relevant sections of the community and bring back to the June agenda for a firm decision.

L/26/04/10 Correspondence

None noted.

L/26/04/11 Date of Next MeetingTuesday 1st June 2026 at the Memorial Hall.

Meeting closed at 7:38pm.

Signed J McHugh Date 01/06/26**Summary of Recommendations**

Recommendation	Recommendation Wording
<u>L/26/04/4.01 Resolved</u>	That the minutes of the Leisure Services Committee meeting held on 2nd February 2026 be adopted and signed as a true record by the Chair of the Leisure Services Committee.
<u>L/26/04/9.01 Recommendation</u>	The Committee support the proposal in principle for an International Day event in 2027. The Events Manager to reach out to the relevant sections of the community and bring back to the June agenda for a firm decision.