



Newmarket

TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Leisure Services Committee **Held on Monday 3rd August 2026 at 7:15pm**

Attendance:

Councillor J McHugh (Chair)
Councillor J Borda

Councillor J Harvey
Councillor P Winter

Also Present: N Alecock – Deputy Town Clerk, C O'Reilly – Events Manager, Councillors Berry as an observer, one member of the public and one member of the press

L/26/08/1 Chair to Read the Fire Safety Notice and Announce that Proceedings May be Filmed or Recorded

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

L/26/08/2 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence. Cllrs Jarvis and Kavanagh were absent.

L/26/08/3 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/26/08/4 To Receive and Confirm for Accuracy the Minutes of the Leisure Services Committee Meeting Held on Monday 1st June 2026 and Any Matters Arising

Members received the minutes of the Leisure Services Committee meeting held on 1st June 2026 and Cllr McHugh made a proposal, seconded by Cllr Winter. A vote was taken which was unanimous and the following was agreed:

L/26/08/4.01 Resolved

That the minutes of the Leisure Services Committee meeting held on 1st June 2026 be adopted and signed as a true record by the Chair of the Leisure Services Committee.

Matters arising: The Events Manager confirmed that the Memorial Hall reception flooring is being installed next Monday and Tuesday.

L/26/08/5 Public Open Session

A member of the public spoke in relation to item 9, expressing concerns around the disproportionate spending on asset maintenance and the relatively high costs of delivering services, consequently limiting the ability of the Council to direct resources to other priorities. He asked, should the pavilion and potentially use of the Severals be granted to Fairstead House, whether this would be problematic for the public to access the Pavilion and for any events on the Severals. The Events Manager responded with some clarification of the position and this was considered at item 10 on the agenda..

Councillor Berry provided background information on item 8 Legend of the Turf

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(LOTT) and advised that he has 3 of the paving slabs at his home.

Cllr Harvey made a proposal, seconded by Cllr McHugh. A vote was taken which was unanimous and the following was agreed:

L/26/08/5.01 Resolved

That item 8 be brought forward.

L/26/08/6 LOTT

The report was discussed and the Chair made a proposal, seconded by Cllr Winter. A vote was taken which was unanimous and the following was agreed:

L/26/08/6.01 Recommendation

Newmarket Town Council approve:

- a) **To take on the ownership of the trail for further expansion and maintenance**
- b) **To budget annually for funding LOTT costs**
- c) **To work with the LOTT Committee regarding content and publicity and with SCC Highways or other qualified construction organisation to maintain/install further or existing plaques**

L/26/08/7 To Receive the Accounts

The draft accounts for July 2026 were received and noted.

L/26/08/8 Working Group Reports for LS

There were no reports.

L/26/08/9 Events Update

The Events Manager gave an update on events planned for 2026/2027.

The Twinning weekend was successful. The Twinning Association is looking to re-form now that the group is well established with new members.

The Lexilink visit was a huge success and the concert was a pleasant evening.

Current planned events:

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 – 11am – 1pm - conferment of Freedom of the Town – High Street Parade to Tattersalls

November – Remembrance Service – Sunday 8th November 2026 – Service at the War Memorial followed by a High Street Parade to Tattersalls for a Service.

December – Friday 4th – Sunday 6th December 2026 – Memorial Hall

The Events Manager has been approached by a Tai Chi Instructor which may fit in with the wellbeing theme at the Spring 2027.

L/26/08/10 Pavilion

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The Chair made a proposal, seconded by Cllr Winter. A vote was taken which was unanimous and the following was agreed:

L/26/08/10.01 Resolved

That the item referring to the Pavilion be deferred to the next FTC meeting.

L/26/08/11 Correspondence

None noted.

L/26/08/12 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 5th October 2026 at the Memorial Hall.

Meeting closed at 7.44pm.

Signed J McHugh Date 05/10/2026

Summary of Recommendations

Recommendation	Recommendation Wording
<u>L/26/08/4.01 Resolved</u>	That the minutes of the Leisure Services Committee meeting held on 1st June 2026 be adopted and signed as a true record by the Chair of the Leisure Services Committee.
<u>L/26/08/5.01 Resolved</u>	That item 8 be brought forward.
<u>L/26/08/6.01 Recommendation</u>	Newmarket Town Council approve: a) To take on the ownership of the trail for further expansion and maintenance b) To budget annually for funding LOTT costs c) To work with the LOTT Committee regarding content and publicity and with SCC Highways or other qualified construction organisation to maintain/install further or existing plaques
<u>L/26/08/10.01 Resolved</u>	That the item referring to the Pavilion be deferred to the next FTC meeting.