



FLEET TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION, LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

**Wednesday 15 January 2014
The Harlington**

PRESENT

Paul Einchcomb (Chairman)
Graham Chenery
Sue Fisher
Steve Forster
Sue Tilley
George Woods

Also Present

James Corrigan Town Clerk
Alex Robins General Manager
Norman Neaves Facilities Manager
Sheila Rayner Committee Clerk

Mike Bye Friends of Oakley Park

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Lewis, Oliver, Perthen and Schofield

ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 7, Food Festival-Cllrs Chenery and Tilley

ITEM 3 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from the public

ITEM 4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

With the deletion of the words 'more widely than just' deleted from the resolution at item 5 of the minutes of the meeting held on 18 November 2013, the Committee received and approved as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 16 October and 18 November 2013. Both sets of minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

Cllr Forster entered the meeting at 7.40pm

ITEM 5 HARLINGTON AND ANCELLS FARM COMMUNITY CENTRE REPORT

The Committee received the report about the Harlington and Ancells Farm Community Centre from the General Manager for the quarter October-December 2013.

Various aspects of the report were discussed including the following:

- There were unanimous congratulations on the success of the 2013 Pantomime. It was reported that income (net of VAT) was £58,533 and expenditure in the region of £61,000. Some final invoices were still awaited. Further income from the sale of confectionary and merchandise raised £5,000 which gave an overall break-even position which was as per target and regarded as a good result for a first venture.
- Members commented that they would like to see the 2014 Panto budget approved by Council in the current term so that it was in place ready for the new Council after the elections in May 2014
- Members requested progress on the conversion of the Carnival Hall to a dance studio. The project had been delayed due to the workload of the Panto in November and December 2013 and awaiting the recruitment of the Facilities Manager. It was noted that the Town Clerk and General Manager would now finalise the approval of the specification and decide if a grant application was appropriate.

RESOLVED

That the report of the General Manager be noted

The General Manager left the meeting at 7.58pm to attend the Film Club meeting

ITEM 6 RIGHTS OF WAY AND PATHS CUTTING LIST

Members considered a report that explained that HCC were offering the opportunity to review the Rights of Way and paths cutting lists. It was noted that there are a very limited number of Rights of Way in Fleet and Cllr Tilley agreed to check that it was only paths and not Rights of Way that surrounded Fleet Pond.

RESOLVED

Members to review the HCC website and submit any comments to The Town Clerk by 24 January 2014.

ITEM 7 EVENT APPLICATION-FLEET FOOD FESTIVAL MAY 2014

The Committee considered an 'in principle' application for the Fleet Food Festival to be held at The Views in May 2014 so that the Festival Committee could proceed with planning the details of the event and prepare a detailed event application.

RESOLVED

To approve 'in principle' the use of The Views for the Fleet Food Festival on Sunday 25 May 2014 , with a detailed application to be submitted in due course

ITEM 8 REPORT OF THE FACILITIES MANAGER

The Committee considered the report of the Facilities Manager which dealt with issues and work dealt with at The Harlington and Ancells Community Centre together with a list of planned works.

The Town Clerk confirmed that HDC had undertaken to cover the cost of roof repairs to the Harlington, a quotation for which was being obtained. Also HDC had agreed to cover

electrical safety repairs, many of which had been completed by the Town Councils contractor immediately.

Members asked that evidence of the cost of maintaining and making the building fit for purpose should be kept carefully to assist in future decisions about the building.

RESOLVED

That the report of the Facilities Manager be noted

ITEM 9 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 16 April 2014 at **7.30pm** at The Harlington

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25 pm

Signed.....

Date.....