

TOWN COUNCIL OF FRINTON AND WALTON

MINUTES of the Recreation and Amenities Committee
held at the Council House, Frinton-on-Sea,
on Thursday 10th April 2014 commencing at 7.15 p.m.

Present:

Councillors M.A. Cossens (Chairman), Mrs I. Johnson, J. Robertson,
R.J. Bucke, C.S. Keston, Mrs J. King, E. T. Allen

Absent:

Councillor B. J. Johnson

In Attendance:

Mrs M Liles - Town Clerk

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were given for Cllr B.J. Johnson

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27TH FEBRUARY 2014

RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held on 27th February 2014 (pages 14 – 16) be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

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MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE ABOVE MEETING

(a) Minute 58 - Cllr Mrs J. King stated that she was pleased to see that after all of the years that this Council had been campaigning for work to be carried out on the Colonnade, work had actually started on this area. It was further felt that maybe a plaque could be put up somewhere in this area to say the Frinton and Walton Town Council had contributed to this work.

(b) Minute 57 – A question was raised over the amount paid for the final bill for last years' festive lights and it was confirmed that we had had a 20% discount on the total amount. The Town Clerk was asked to start getting quotes for this year as soon as possible and to look at the possibility of using LED lights.

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COLUMBINE CENTRE

(a) The Town Clerk gave an update on the registration of the Centre for Civil Ceremonies and following a visit to the Centre by the registrars the certificate should be received to go ahead. The Committee had received details of a draft job description for a part-time wedding/promotions organiser and details from Bespoke Caterers who would take over the catering for weddings and other occasions and pay us 10% commission per function. They would also produce a brochure for the Columbine Centre, provide a wedding organiser and put the venue on their website. Following a discussion it was felt that other caterers should be approached for details of their services. The Clerk now had an inventory from the Caretaker but there were still things like lattice and organza missing from this list. The Committee felt that there should have been an advert in the paper for the venue along with the Saturday market dates and the Town Clerk would look into this.

(b) Estimates had been obtained for the broken spotlights and the estimates for new stage curtains obtained in December 2012. The Town Clerk explained that the spotlights had been broken for some time and the damage to the curtains had got worse. It was felt that both of these should be fixed before the Frinton Summer Theatre and following a discussion it was felt that the Town Clerk speak to Custom Group Limited to see about a demonstration for the spotlight as the cheaper quote and to also discuss their quote for new stage curtains with them. To be an agenda item for the next meeting.

(c) Following a discussion it was

RECOMMENDED

that the boot sales should continue to the Car Show in July and recommence in October.

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FESTIVE LIGHTS

This was discussed earlier.

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SHELTERS

(a) The Town Clerk referred to the current lease with regard to the shelters and the contents were noted. The Clock Shelter had separate mechanisms for each clock face and it was agreed to find someone to repair the broken mechanism despite some comments about wording in the lease.

(b) The Town Clerk had circulated information from the District Council with regard to the area around the Zig Zag shelter and that any work done to the shelter should be carried out in line with the further discussions and information about this area. Some ideas were shared and these would be brought to the District Council's attention.

RECOMMENDED

that a suitable person is found to repair the broken clock mechanism and to continue with talks regarding the area around the zig zag shelter.

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EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

that pursuant to Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the press and public from the meeting for the following items of business because of their special and confidential nature.

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TO RECEIVE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE ALTERNATIVE PROPOSED EXTENSION AND ALTERATIONS TO THE COLUMBINE CENTRE AND TO DECIDE ON THE WAY FORWARD

A meeting had been held earlier today with the architect to discuss the possibilities of a new entrance for the Bowls Club along with changing rooms and toilets. The architect would have new drawings drawn up within 2 weeks and a further meeting would be held then to decide on the way forward towards the planning permission stage.

Some discussion took place on having a project in Frinton and it was agreed for this to be an agenda item at the next meeting.

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TO NOTE PRESENT STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS AT THE COLUMBINE CENTRE

The Town Clerk made Members aware that we were currently advertising for casual staff due to some resignations and the fact that the centre could get busier. Noted.

There being no further matters to consider, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.45 pm.

CHAIRMAN