

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE
HELD IN ARDEN HALL, CASTLE BROMWICH
ON WEDNESDAY, 5TH FEBRUARY 2014
AT 7.30 PM**

Those present:

- Chairman** Cllr Mrs. A Haywood
- Councillors** Cllr Mrs. P Allen Cllr E Hicks Cllr I Hiley
- Officers:** Mrs. C Tibbles, Clerk to the Council/RFO
Mrs. T Kite, Hall Manager/Licencee [Items 1-7 only]
- Public:** No members of the public.

1. Apologies.

The apologies from Cllr R Amos, Cllr M Hayes, Cllr E Knibb, Cllr M Rashid, Cllr Miss J Ward and Cllr J Whelan were noted for the reasons given. Due to the number of absent members, the Clerk was asked to verify that the meeting was quorate, which she did.

2. Declarations of personal or conflict of interests.

None declared.

3. Dispensations.

None requested.

4. Minutes of the previous Meeting.

ON THE PROPOSITION of the Chairman, **SECONDED BY** Cllr Mrs. Allen, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 8th January, 2014, having been circulated, be signed as a true and correct record of the Meeting.

5. Questions from the Public.

Under Standing Order 70, the Chairman prepared to adjourn the meeting to invite questions from members of the public but there were none in attendance.

6. Manager's Report and Hire issues.

The Hall Manager's report was discussed and the enquiries for new regular weekly bookings were welcomed. The Theatre Group had said they were pleased with their recent pantomime show and had hired 4 additional stage lights and 2 tripods for £150 for the week. Members agreed this reinforced the council's decision not to spend £28,000 on new stage electrics and lighting. A provisional proposal had been put to the Hall Manager for a new long term hire arrangement which would be brought to Committee in due course. The Hall Manager clarified that two different music licences were held for Arden Hall - one for playing of music and royalties to the singers and the other licence for payment to lyricists and song writers. One of the licences covered theatrical performances. The Hall Manager had notified hirers of some changes to the cover available which would necessitate them holding their own music licence in future.

7. Bar Stock Report.

The report and trading analysis was noted and discussed by members.

8. Hob Farm Consultation.

Members noted that staff had nearly completed the summary of consultation replies from residents regarding Hob Farm and its usage. In accordance with the Committee resolution in November 2013, a summary of the top five suggestions would be provided to Cllrs Knibb, Hayes, Hicks, Rashid and Whelan with their feedback and

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recommendations being submitted to the April Leisure Services Committee meeting. [Members may elect to meet and discuss if wished].

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9. Community Energy Warwickshire.

Following consideration, **IT WAS AGREED** that an invitation should be extended to this co-operative organisation for an assessment of viability of alternative energy for council buildings. The Clerk would endeavour to arrange a meeting prior to the March or April Leisure Services Committee and request information and explanations be presented to members.

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10. Residents' Concerns.

Members noted the information circulated and a member asked if a complaint had been received about park closure on 17th February. The Clerk was not aware of any complaint but would check the records.

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11. Working Parties.

Following discussion, the Clerk was asked to suggest to members of the Buildings Working Party that they meet on 19th March at 6.30 pm and should this not be convenient that they submit alternative dates for mutual agreement.

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Members considered the report of the Community Café working party and the professional advice received. **ON THE PROPOSITION** of the Chairman, **SECONDED BY** Cllr Hiley, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Environmental Health Inspector from Solihull MBC be contacted for advice on what was feasible, practical and legal for this new project and how the partnership could best be operated.

12. Clerk's Report/Open Spaces Report.

The Clerk reported that in January there had been problems at the Village Green with sewage flooding that had been attended by Severn Trent. A site meeting had been arranged at the Village Green on 10th February to discuss parking problems and damage to the small green. Members suggested that a quote for installation of bollards at the small green would aid future consideration of solutions and the Clerk undertook to seek this from the grounds maintenance contractor. A number of staffing issues were requiring the clerk's attention currently.

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