

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE
HELD IN ARDEN HALL,
CASTLE BROMWICH ON
WEDNESDAY, 3RD MARCH 2010
AT 7.30 PM**

Those present:

Vice-Chairman Cllr Mrs. B Wilkins

Councillors Cllr Mrs. P Allen Cllr M Hayes Cllr E Knibb
Cllr R Amos Cllr I Hiley Cllr Miss J Ward

Officers: Mrs. C Tibbles, Clerk to the Council/RFO
Mrs. T. Kite, Hall Manager [Items 1-7]

Public: 1 member of the public [Items 1- part 4]

1. Apologies.

The apologies from Cllr Mrs. A Haywood, Cllr Mrs. T Knibb, and Cllr J Riordan were accepted for the reasons given. Cllr Rashid was absent.

2. Declarations of pecuniary or other interests.

None declared.

3. Minutes of the previous Meeting.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Cllr Amos, **SECONDED BY** Cllr Mrs. Allen and with 5 votes in favour, none against and 2 abstentions, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd February, 2010, having been circulated, be signed as a true and correct record of the Meeting.

4. Manager’s Report and Arden Hall issues.

a) Members noted the Manager’s Report and the issues being addressed by her team.
b) Following consideration of Clause 1, in the event of the cancellation by the council of a hire event, the liability was to refund the hire fees, members acknowledged it was the hirer’s responsibility to have their own event insurance which was encouraged in the terms and conditions of hire. The Hall Manager confirmed again that no extra cover was available for, or required by, the Council. Members felt this important information should be made clear to hirers. c) Members noted the letter from a hirer, who had given most positive feedback at the February consultation meeting, and **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should write and thank them.

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5. Customer Complaint.

ON THE PROPOSITION of the Chairman, **SECONDED BY** Cllr Amos, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the consideration of a hirer’s complaint, under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest, as if members of the public were present during the consideration of such business, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information under paras 1 and 11 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the said Act, that the public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw. Under confidential terms and following clarification and consideration, **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Amos, **SECONDED BY** Cllr Knibb, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the hirer be informed that hire regulations had not been adhered to, and under clause 1 there would be no refund of her payment.

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6. Bar Stock Reports.

Under confidential terms, members noted the report, as detailed in the confidential appendix for members only. **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Amos, **SECONDED BY** Cllr Hayes, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the report be noted and commended the likelihood of meeting bar sales targets.

7. Arden Hall Consultation.

Members noted the report and the views of hirers that the existing building provided what they needed, with no problems indicating a rebuild of the Hall was necessary or supported. **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Hayes, **SECONDED BY** Cllr Amos, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Council consider and vote on retaining the existing Arden Hall; the décor and refurbishments suggested/required be prioritised by the Buildings Working Party for the Leisure Services Committee to consider; that the agreed works be delegated to the Hall Manager and Responsible Finance Officer to appoint and oversee **AND** that the Annual Liaison Meeting for Hirers be re-established as the groups had enjoyed the opportunity to meet together. Cllr Hayes suggested hirers receive feedback after the Council had decided future plans.

8. Lease/Licence Agreements.

Under confidential terms, members noted there was no information available from the solicitor and deferred the lease/licence agreements to their April meeting, concluding the Club would not be able to consider this at the Joint Liaison Group meeting in March. Following consideration of advice and financial matters, **ON THE PROPOSITION** of the Chairman, **SECONDED BY** Cllr Hayes, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Committee's recommendations be put to Council and the Clerk inform the potential business tenant of the response to their initial proposals, for further deliberation on 31st March.

9. Garden of Memory - Landscaping.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Cllr Hayes, **SECONDED BY** Cllr Amos, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the quotation for grass seeding of the former tree roots be accepted at a cost of £52.50.

10. Residents' Concerns.

Members noted and discussed the tabled information.

11. Payments.

Following discussion, **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Hayes, **SECONDED BY** Cllr Amos, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the payments as circulated be approved.

12. Clerk's Report/Open Spaces Report.

The Clerk briefly reported that a complaint had been made to a company regarding mobile phone charges, that a training opportunity had been found for Wardens on playground equipment inspections, which members endorsed their attendance on, that 2 skips had been hired for disposal of soil at the Village Green and that bin emptying of dog waste remained a serious concern.

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