

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE
HELD IN ARDEN HALL,
CASTLE BROMWICH ON
WEDNESDAY, 7TH APRIL 2010
AT 7.30 PM**

Those present:

Chairman	Cllr Mrs. A Haywood		
Councillors	Cllr Mrs. P Allen	Cllr M Hayes	Cllr J Riordan
	Cllr R Amos	Cllr I Hiley	Cllr Mrs. B Wilkins
		Cllr E Knibb	
Officers:	Mrs. C Tibbles, Clerk to the Council/RFO Mrs. T. Kite, Hall Manager [Items 1-5]		
Public:	None.		

1. Apologies.

The apologies from Cllr Mrs. T Knibb, Cllr Rashid and Cllr Miss J Ward were noted for the reasons given.

2. Declarations of pecuniary or other interests.

None declared.

3. Minutes of the previous Meeting.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Cllr Amos, **SECONDED BY** Cllr Hayes and with 6 votes in favour, none against and 2 abstentions, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd March, 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. In accordance with cancellation procedures, members noted a hirer was eligible for a refund of 50%. b) The Hall Manager had provided copies of the important information that was given to/discussed with hirers. After consideration, **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Amos, **SECONDED BY** Cllr Mrs. Wilkins, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the information pack be commended as extremely comprehensive as it addressed the numerous issues that hirers needed to know. The Hall Manager referred to the model hire agreement which she felt was professionally worded and suggested the hire regulations be based on that when next reviewed. Views were invited on any potential omissions and a member offered to assess the directions.

5. Bar Stock Reports.

Under confidential terms, members noted the report, as detailed in the confidential appendix for members only and commended the year end trading figures, which were above target.

6. Lease/Licence Agreements.

Under confidential terms, members noted that a meeting was provisionally arranged for the Clerk to meet the solicitor and progress matters further.

7. Residents' Concerns.

Members noted and discussed the tabled information and raised concerns about dog fouling and control of dogs.

8. Payments.

Following discussion, **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Amos, **SECONDED BY** Cllr Hayes, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the payments as tabled be approved. Members noted that training for the new financial software would not take place until mid-May.

9. Clerk's Report/Open Spaces Report.

The Clerk briefly reported that Solihull MBC had issued the tender for playground improvements and site visits were being made by companies - members suggested that careful consideration be given to location of equipment and a grand opening arranged when completed. Several visits had been made to the Village Green to work with the Community Payback team and arrange supplies. Members noted the Cricket & Sports Club wished to establish a football section and were encouraging two adult teams, although the Clerk required more details to place the teams on the waiting list. A letter had been received from the Club regarding maintenance of the cricket outfield which would be acknowledged on behalf of Cllr Mrs. Haywood until placed on the agenda at the next meeting. The problems of emptying dog bins seemed to have been resolved, although recruitment of a Summer Warden remained a serious concern. Current priorities by necessity were financial and legal matters, although some disruption was occurring with pavilion issues which members discussed. The Clerk was consequently asked to write regarding breach of hire regulations/byelaws and explaining future action that could be taken. The Ward Action plan review meeting was confirmed for the following day at 3 pm at Arden Hall.

Asst.Clerk
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