

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE
HELD IN ARDEN HALL,
CASTLE BROMWICH ON
WEDNESDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER 2012
AT 7.30 PM**

Those present:

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

1. Apologies.

The apologies from Cllr E Knibb, Cllr E Hicks, Cllr Miss J Ward and Cllr Mrs. B Wilkins were noted for the reason given.

2. Declarations of pecuniary or conflict of interests.

Following resolution of a query from a member regarding setting of hire charges, no declarations were made.

3. Minutes of the previous Meeting.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Cllr Hiley, **SECONDED BY** Cllr Riordan, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd October, 2012, having been circulated, be signed as a true and correct record of the Meeting.

4. Manager's Report and Hire issues.

Members noted the tabled report and following lengthy discussion, **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Mrs. Haywood, **SECONDED BY** Cllr Rashid, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the ticket prices for New Year's Eve should be set at £8 per seat this year, ending the reduction for children, and set at £10 per ticket for 2013. Due to difficulties in meeting circulation dates with the Gazette, the event would be advertised via the website and Arden Hall noticeboards. Members and staff were pleased that the exterior fascia had been completed and the trip railing repaired but shared the Hall Manager's concerns about the incomplete information received following the roof survey, which she was endeavouring to pursue. A sample was shown of possible replacement doors for future consideration. The Clerk reported that a verbal complaint had not been substantiated, although she had been prepared to investigate using CCTV images.

5. Bar Stock Report.

Under confidential terms, members noted the satisfactory stock report and the trading figures for the latest period.

6. Budget Planning 2013/14.

Members noted the NALC survey giving indicative precept changes from larger councils. The initial draft budget tabled by the Clerk was considered with each line item in the Arden Hall and Open Spaces budget being reviewed for year end forecasts and provisional estimates set for next year, with some matters being referred to officers for clarification at the next meeting.

ACTION

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Asap

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asap

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Clerk
28/11

7. Residents' Concerns.

Members noted the information circulated. Following consideration, members **AGREED** that Friday Lane Nurseries should be asked to provide stakes for the peace tree at the Village Green and that the members who volunteered to cut back the turf by the small Green to widen access should arrange a date urgently.

8. Working Party Reports.

Cllr Mrs. Allen reported that the daffodil bulbs had been planted and she also thanked everyone who had helped at the Macmillan Coffee Morning. Cllr Amos reported that he had information on possible funding projects involving Hob Farm but the Clerk said additional research already requested would be started in the new year. Cllr Hayes reported the Licence working party would meet again on Wednesday, 21st November, before the Budget working party. The report of the initial pavilion working party meeting was noted and the date of the next meeting accepted.

9. Clerk's Report/Open Spaces Report.

The Clerk reported that the new signs were in place at the War Memorial, the tree work had been completed, the fun run in the park in October completed satisfactorily and the new sewage pump control panel needed in the pavilion had been installed. New trees would be planted at Bradford Gardens as soon as they had been lifted by the supplier. The moss problem in the tennis courts had returned and required further attention.

ACTION

Asst. Clerk
28/11

MH/AT
Asap

Licence WP
21/11

Pavilion WP
20/2/13

DRAFT