

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE
HELD IN ARDEN HALL,
CASTLE BROMWICH ON
WEDNESDAY, 20TH JANUARY 2010
AT 7.30 PM**

Those present:

- Chairman** Cllr Mrs. A Haywood
- Councillors** Cllr Mrs. P Allen Cllr R Amos Cllr Rashid
Cllr M Hayes [except part Item 9]
- Officers:** Mrs. C Tibbles, Clerk to the Council/RFO
Mrs. T. Kite, Hall Manager [Items 1-7]
- Public:** None.

1. Apologies.

The apologies from Cllr I Hiley, Cllr E Knibb, Cllr Mrs. T Knibb, Cllr J Riordan, Cllr Miss J Ward and Cllr Mrs. B Wilkins were accepted 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, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd December, 2009, having been circulated, be signed as a true and correct record of the Meeting.

4. Manager’s Report and Arden Hall issues.

Members noted the Manager’s Report and suggestions. After discussion, **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Amos, **SECONDED BY** Cllr Rashid, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the former police base be used as a staff rest/meeting room (exclusively for employees), on a temporary basis initially, subject to future needs of the council/hirers. There would be no cost to these changes. **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Hayes, **SECONDED BY** Cllr Mrs. Allen, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Hall Manager invite organisations from the advance bookings list to a choice of meetings with members to discuss their needs and ideas for their future use and benefit at Arden Hall on Wednesday 17th February. Replies would be requested to show how many attending and the preference for daytime or evening. The meetings would be co-ordinated by Cllr Hayes and all councillors would be asked to attend and support this initiative. Members considered the request for heating and security lighting improvements and **IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED** that the security lighting be installed where necessary to improve safety quickly and the Hall Manager prepare a list of other known issues, room by room, for the Committee to consider in May. One customer cancellation noted.

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5. Bar Stock Reports.

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, members noted the report, as detailed in the confidential appendix for members only.

6. Lease/Licence Agreements.

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. **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Amos, **SECONDED BY** Cllr Rashid, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Clerk progress matters in the agreed manner, reviewing lease matters in 8 weeks time and licence issues to be actioned by 31st March.

7. Residents' Concerns.

Members noted the tabled information and action already agreed under Item 5.

8. Payments.

Following discussion, **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Rashid, **SECONDED BY** Cllr Mrs. Allen, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the payments be approved.

Clerk
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9. Clerk's Report/Open Spaces Report.

Members noted the clarification sent to the Club regarding authorised keyholders. Members expressed strong support for the continued use of council facilities at no charge to help schools in the parish enhance the curriculum opportunities for their students. The Clerk gave 2 examples that, under delegated powers the Hall Manager and she had approved this month due to postponement of the Leisure Services Committee meeting on 6th January, and a further request would be made at the next Committee meeting for use of part of the car park for a safer cycling initiative. Members concurred that this was beneficial to all and promoted the Parish Council to younger residents. Since the last meeting, heavy rain had disrupted football matches and pitch markings, and precautionary visual checks on drainage had taken place by Wardens and the Clerk. Concerns from the contractor about overuse of the pitches had been relayed in writing to teams, reminding them that practice should not take place on pitches. Issues had arisen that she would endeavour to address, and Cllr Amos and Cllr Mrs. Allen agreed to assist this review with the Clerk. One football team had ceased to play, leaving a shortfall on anticipated income. In line with previous policy, the Clerk had confirmed that the free Fusion Football coaching could take place in the Park in February half-term (15-18th), from 1-3 pm. Feedback had been requested by the Asst. Clerk from the Playing Out summer scheme (operated by the North Detached Open Access team) but nothing received. No further information had been received for a proposed tennis coaching scheme with local children. Members were aware of the successful application for Playbuilder funding and a consultation was now underway, pending a written report for Council to consider in February. The probation service were meeting with the Clerk and Cllr Mrs. Allen to discuss their possible help with the Youth Council Sensory Garden at the Village Green and other ground works.

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