

**ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD TOWN COUNCIL
ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE**

MINUTES of the Meeting held on Thursday 21 August 2008 at Fairway Hall Offices, Brook Close, Borehamwood starting at 8.40pm

PRESENT: Councillor J Heywood (in the Chair)
Councillors R Butler, G Franklin, A Mitchell and F Turner

In Attendance: Paul Welsh, Entertainments Officer

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were Received and Accepted from Councillor P Strack (domestic reasons

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 June 2008 were Confirmed and Signed as a true record.

3 DECLARATION OF PERSONAL AND/OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

Members Agreed to declare any interest at the relevant agenda item.

4 FESTIVAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

It was Agreed the Recommendations (Minute 4B) arising out of the Festival Advisory Committee Meeting held on 21 August 2008 be **RESOLVED** in order to secure the relevant attractions for the 2009 Families Day.

5 ENTERTAINMENTS OFFICER'S REPORT

A PLAQUE UNVEILING

It was Noted that the three plaque unveilings had been staged to date this year, following the restart of the scheme in 2006, with the plaques for Sir Roger Moore and Simon Cowell. The plaque for Christopher Lee CBE was purchased in 2006 and unveiled as part of the Festival Elstree Film Evening.

The Bryan Forbes plaque was unveiled by Lord Attenborough in April and was attended by 103 persons. The plaque, costing £438, had been purchased in the 2007/08 budget.

The net cost of the occasion was £2,407 excluding staff costs. Savings were made in free use of the venue (£1,500) and chair hire (£300).

The Barbara Windsor plaque event was held in July and attended by 130 community representatives. The plaque costing £438 had been purchased from the 2007/08 budget. The net cost of the occasion was £2,371 excluding staff costs with savings made on the free use of the venue (£1,500).

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The Sir Cliff Richard plaque unveiling is scheduled for 20 September 2008 with invited guests from the community. It is anticipated that similar costs will arise but there may be possible savings on chair hire and pa equipment due to cost sharing with another event. The cost of the plaque will come out of the 2008/09 budget.

B CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

It was RESOLVED that the Christmas lights switch-on should take place on Sunday 7 December 2008 at 4pm.

It was Resolved that a synthetic ice-skating rink be hired and located in the public square behind All Saints Church and other attractions be secured, in addition to participation by the Borehamwood Brass Band, Borehamwood Com.Unity Choir and local school children, subject to availability.

It was Agreed that letters to shops be issued about the event, stewards engaged, the PCSO informed and the event publicised appropriately.

C FIREWORKS DISPLAY

It was Noted that the fireworks display has been booked for 5 November 2008. The possibility of a local company providing some sponsorship is being explored, although the present economic climate is making such support difficult to secure.

D CHURCH EVENT

A letter had been received from the Vicar of St Nicholas' Church, Elstree, seeking financial support for a proposed production of 'Godspell' featuring the four local Parish Churches and St Nicholas' School. The event will be staged at All Saints Church on Saturday 4 October 2008. Members felt this was a worthwhile project involving young people.

It was RESOLVED that the sum of £500 be awarded towards the cost of staging the production.

6 CLOSURE

The Meeting closed at 9.30pm

Chairman