

ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting held at Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood on Tuesday 12th July 2011 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Mrs F Turner (Vice-Chairman in the Chair)
Cllr C Kelly (Deputy Mayor)
Cllr Mrs A Mitchell
Cllr R Butler
Cllr G Franklin

In Attendance: Cllr Mrs P Strack
A Tadjrishi – Deputy Clerk

9. APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs S Parnell (Mayor) (other engagement) and Cllr Ms S Maughan (sick).

Cllr G Franklin substituted for Cllr Ms S Maughan.

10. DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLORS' INTERESTS

There were none.

11. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14TH JUNE 2011

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th June 2011 be signed by the Vice-Chairman as a true record.

12. REPORT OF THE DEPUTY CLERK

The report of the Deputy Clerk was received. It was noted that:

- the Over-60s Coach Trips had concluded. In all, a total of 595 from 636 available seats had been sold. The shortfall had been from the London Museums trip; and
- a number of passengers on the 16 June 2011 coach to Portsmouth had commented that the drop off point differed than as advertised. The Deputy Clerk had passed on the comments to the coach operator.

13. FAMILY COACH TRIPS

The Deputy Clerk reported that Community Action Hertsmere (CAH) had presented the proposed schedule and cost for the summer Family Coach Trips at the 6 July 2011 meeting of the Youth Council as follows:

Schedule

- Clacton Seaside 28th July 2011
- Aqua Splash, Jarman Park 4th August 2011
- Southend Seaside 10th August 2011
- Tring History Museum 16th August 2011
- Splash Park, Casiobury Park 22nd August 2011
- London Science Museum 30th August 2011

The cost for a family to board the coach would be £10.00 return only. Any activities, such as food, would be an additional cost.

Members were asked to consider a contribution of £400.00 to the cost of the trips which represented a third of the overall projected cost. Members were keen to ensure that the trips be made known and available to local families who would benefit the most from the opportunity.

It was RESOLVED that:

- (i) **£400.00 be allocated from the Entertainments 2011/12 budget New Initiatives (301/3147) towards the provision of the 6 proposed Family Coach Trips; and**
- (ii) **CAH be asked to report back to Entertainments Committee following the conclusion of the programme and to highlight the subsidy being made via contribution of the Youth Council within any publicity material.**

14. CIVIC FESTIVAL REVIEW AND DATES FOR 2012

Members wished to minute their thanks to the Deputy Clerk and Town Council staff for their hard work having produced another enjoyable fortnight of events.

The Deputy Clerk reported the following:

The Carnival Parade consisted of a total of 13 Floats and 13 Walking entries (3 more than the previous year).

Winners - General Category:

- 1st Place Saffron Green School (£250 and Parade trophy winner).
- 2nd Place Woodlands School (£100).
- 3rd Place Royal British Legion (£50).

Winners - Walking Category:

- 1st Place Hare Krishna/Food For All (£75).

2nd Place Sea Cadets (£50).
3rd Place Summerswood School (£25).

As in the previous year, the stewards were supplemented with volunteers from the Police Cadets who escorted the procession through the streets. James Clappison MP viewed the procession amongst the crowd on Shenley Road and attended the prize giving.

The second Elstree & Borehamwood Got Talent show took place on 23 June 2011. The Dancing Stars Teens took the first prize of £75 and the trophy in front of a packed crowd.

The Sticky Kids event at Allum Hall in conjunction with the BECC took the place of the long-running Baby Show. Despite heavy rain 27 families took part in the inclusive event.

Two events had been cancelled – The Festival Cricket match due to rain and the Laughter Lounge Comedy Night due to lack of interest.

The layout of Families Day was considered to have been improved overall with stall holders being pre-allocated plots as opposed to choosing on arrival. Due to a no-show from the steel crowd control barrier contractor Cllr G Franklin assisted with installing a stake-and-rope barrier on the day. The arena programme started 15 minutes late as a result.

The Festival as a whole was regarded by Members as a success. The following events were noted for the Committee to consider following up in time for next year:

Carnival Parade

- A Flyer to be produced in advance of the event with map and approximate times the procession would pass key points.
- A height restriction to be imposed on entries to avoid holding up the procession.

BBC Band Concert

- Schedule for first Monday of Festival as usual and consider any theme to add value as similar to this year.

Festival Fun Run and 10k

- Consulting with the Borehamwood Athletics Association to understand in what capacity, if any, the Town Council could assist.

Brass Band Concert

- Begin slightly earlier or shorten programme as finishes late in the evening.
- Provide return transport to the event for care home residents.

Woodcock Hill Picnic

- Additional signage directing people to the location.

Families Day

- Involving local children in an ‘Olympics’ themed opening to the arena events.
- Inspiring stall holders to be more creative by introducing a prize for the most innovative stall.
- Stall holders to be asked for total stall size measurement on registration so that plots can be allocated more accurately.

It was AGREED that:

- (i) **all event partners be contacted in advance of programme scheduling for 2012 to review their requirements and receive feedback; and**
- (ii) **the dates for the 2012 Civic Festival be confirmed as Saturday 16 June (Carnival Parade) to Saturday 30th June (Families Day).**

15. FAIRWAY HALL 25 YEAR EVENT

At the 6th July 2011 meeting of the General Management Committee (GMC), Members recommended a budget to allow an event to be held at Fairway Hall to mark the occasion of 25 years of use. GMC referred the planning and organisation of this event to the Entertainments Committee.

It was AGREED that:

- (i) **the event take the form of an anniversary buffet lunch to be held on Monday 19th September 2011 from 12pm-2pm; and**
- (ii) **invitations to guests including current and former regular users of the Hall be issued.**

16. FIRST IMPRESSIONS

It was reported that the work required to install the wall relief sculpture at the station had been scheduled and due for completion by the end of July 2011.

Members were informed that, in continuing as Chairman of First Impressions, Bob Redman was welcoming suggestions for projects to be considered as part of Phase 2.

17. TOWN CRIER SUB-COMMITTEE

At the meeting of 11 June 2011 the Sub-Committee had reviewed the Summer edition (#2) and considered it to be of a very high-standard. It was the aim of the Sub-Committee to ensure that all subsequent editions met the same quality of print, content and design.

Advertisements and articles were being sought for the Autumn (#3) edition due for publication and distribution on 1 September 2011. Members were asked to contact any local organisations they believed would wish to contribute.

It was AGREED that:

The local Neighbourhood Watch coordinator be asked to investigate options for helping to ensure that the distribution of the Town Crier reached as many residents as possible (especially gated homes and communal entrance flats).

18. CLOSURE

The Meeting closed at 9.30pm. Date of next meeting 13th September 2011 at 7.30pm at Fairway Hall.

Date:..... CHAIRMAN.....