



**5 REPORT OF THE LEISURE AND ENTERTAINMENTS ADVISOR**

Ben Simon informed members that he had been asked to add further events to the Festival programme, including an Activities Day, a children's pool party at the Venue and a children's event at the library; and, that these would require further funding. He raised concerns that the existing budget may not be sufficient, particularly as some costs had already risen.

Cllr. G Franklin stated that irrespective of funding issues, time was short and consequently plans for expanding the Festival would be best left until next year.

It was **agreed** not to hold the proposed Activities Day this year, but it was **agreed** to proceed with the library day and pool event as they were relatively low cost and much needed children's events.

It was **agreed** that no further funding be provided for the Festival this year and that the Festival should keep within its proposed budget, but that a contingency of up to 10% of the £32k Festival budget be permitted.

Some discussion took place regarding the use of paid and unpaid volunteers. Cllr E Butler **recommended** asking special constables to assist with the Festival.

**6 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Members received the financial statements for month ending 28<sup>th</sup> February 2009.

**7 Exclusion of Press and Public**

It was moved that the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting, having regard to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, publicity of which might be prejudicial to the public interest.

Current staffing issues were discussed.

**8 CLOSURE**

Meeting closed at 21:00 hours.

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