



Premises and Regeneration Committee

Minutes of a Meeting held on Wednesday 27 February 2008

Present were Councillors Mrs K E Usher (Chairman), Councillors Mrs J M Andrews, Mrs B Fuller-Ainsworth, Mrs J Madden, P Scholey B Slade and Mrs C Stringer

In attendance – Mr D J Morton (Clerk & Financial Officer), Mrs S J Bailey (Administrative Assistant) and 12 members of the public and 0 press.

P79/07 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following matters were raised :

- Mrs J Whinfrey stated that she wished to raise her objections to Item 6 as she wouldn't be allowed later during the discussion. The Chairman said that the decision to allow public to speak during the meeting was at her discretion.
- The Clerk & Financial Officer thanked everyone who was concerned during his coughing fit at the last Town Council meeting but was unhappy that a member of the public had been heard saying "I hope he dies". Mrs Donna Sutton said the actual phrased used was "don't die as you are not getting away with it" as the Clerk & Financial Officer seemed to have the coughing fit to avoid answering a particular question. The Clerk & Financial Officer asked what particular question but didn't receive an answer.

P80/07 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence due to full attendance.

P81/07 DECLARATION OF PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

Councillor Mrs B Fuller-Ainsworth said she would declare any interest at the relevant agenda points.

P82/07 COMMUNICATION RECEIVED BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman read out a letter from the Maltby Festival Group asking if the Edward Dunn Memorial Hall could be open on two consecutive weekends to allow the public attending the events on the park to use the toilets. After a discussion it was agreed that the Clerk & Financial Officer obtain quotes for able and disabled portable toilets.

Councillor Mrs C Stringer asked the Chairman about the letter handed in to the Chair that had not been read out at the previous meeting. The Chairman responded by saying she needed to see a copy of a letter dated October 2006 that this communication from Mr Bradford was referring to and then would reply to it. The Clerk & Financial Officer pointed out that it was his responsibility to reply to correspondence on behalf of the council. The Chairman said Mr Bradford of the Zion Church wanted it that way. The Clerk & Financial Officer asked for clarification on which letter was being referred to and the chairman replied that Mr Bradford claimed he was still waiting for a reply to his letter sent in 2006. The Chairman said she would meet with the Clerk & Financial Officer to discuss the matter.

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P83/07 LIAISON OFFICER FROM USER GROUPS OF THE EDWARD DUNN MEMORIAL HALL

Councillor Mrs Andrews read out a letter to the committee regarding her concerns about the last Premises & Regeneration Committee meeting.

Councillor Mrs Fuller-Ainsworth declared a personal interest in this matter.

Councillor Mrs Fuller-Ainsworth said that the appointment of a liaison officer would not be fair to the Zion Church as different members dealt with different aspects of the booking, and it was generally denying freedom of speech.

Councillor Scholey suggested that a user group meeting be held to discuss the matter.

RECOMMENDED: that the Clerk & Financial Officer organise a user group meeting.

P84/07 AGE CONCERN

The Clerk & Financial Officer read out letters from Age Concern notifying the council of their intention end their booking of the Edward Dunn Memorial Hall and also asking the Town Council to reduce the rent to enable then to continue this valuable service to the community.

RECOMMENDED: that the Clerk & Financial Officer make enquiries of Age Concern to see how the Town Council could help resolve some of their current difficulties.

P85/07 COUNCIL'S BOOKING FORM AND BOOKING CONDITIONS

Councillor Mrs Fuller-Ainsworth declared a personal interest in this item.

The Chairman stated that the meeting to discuss the forms had been cancelled. The Clerk & Financial Officer asked for a date for a meeting to be held as time was running short as any alterations would go to the next Town Council meeting being held on 19 March 2008. The Chairman agreed and said the meeting would be held with a week.

RECOMMENDED: that the Chairman organise an urgent meeting to discuss the hall booking form and booking conditions prior to their issue immediately after the March Council meeting.

P86/07 ANTI-VANDAL PRIKKA STRIP

The Clerk & Financial Officer said that after a site inspection by the crime reduction squad the anti-vandal strip had been recommended as a cost effective first step to reduce vandalism at the Edward Dunn Memorial Hall. The chairman asked if all the Councillors agreed with the purchase. It was agreed and Councillor Mrs Fuller-Ainsworth stated that 3 quotes were needed.

RECOMMENDED: that the Clerk & Financial Officer obtain 3 quotes for the Prikka Strip.

P87/07 OPERATION OF EDWARD DUNN MEMORIAL HALL

Councillor Mrs B Fuller-Ainsworth declared a personal interest in this item.

The Clerk & Financial Officer read out a letter handed to him prior to the meeting regarding the use of the hall kitchen during a booking by the Zion Youth Club.

The Clerk & Financial Officer reminded members of the current policy of the council that no single group had exclusive use of the kitchen and that the facilities should be shared equally between all hall users.



Councillor P Scholey proposed that we build a bar within the Edward Dunn Memorial Hall to attract extra bookings.

RECOMMENDED: that (a) the comments of the Clerk & Financial Officer regarding the use of the hall kitchen be noted and (b) the Clerk & Financial Officer take steps to install a permanent bar in the Edward Dunn Memorial Hall.

P88/08 PUBLIC SQUARE

The Clerk & Financial Officer gave an update on the public square to the front of the Edward Dunn Memorial Hall. Work has had to be re-scheduled due to the main gas pipe needing further attention.

P89/07 EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Councillor Mrs Madden asked when the payment of the Bede Preschool and Nursery would be restarted. The Chairman said that the rent had been waived until the end of January 2008.

P90/07 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting to be 22 March 2008 to be held at the Edward Dunn Memorial Hall at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm

