**PEACEHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting of the LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE held in the ANZAC ROOM, Community House, Meridian Centre, Peacehaven on Tuesday 12th March 2019 at 7:30pm.**

**Councillors on this Committee**

**EX OFFICIO**

Cllr Jackie Harrison-Hicks (Chair of Council), Cllr Job Harris (Deputy Chair of Council)

Cllr Dave Neave (Chair of Committee) Cllr Rachael Coles (Deputy Chair of Committee), Cllr Lynda Duhigg, Cllr Claude Cheta, Cllr Sue Griffiths, Cllr Melvyn Simmons, Cllr Alan Milliner, Cllr Ron Maskell,

**Present:** Cllr Dave Neave (Chair of Committee), Cllr Lynda Duhigg, Cllr Sue Griffiths, Cllr Claude Cheta, Cllr Robertson co-opted on to the committee at 7.50 pm (as a sub for Cllr Coles)

IN ATTENDANCE Kevin Bray and Deborah Donovan

Meeting started at 7.35 pm

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**LA 299 CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Thank you for attending this evening.*

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As this is the last Leisure and Amenities meeting before the elections I would like to take this opportunity to say it has been a privilege to be Chairman over the last few years and, with the support I have received from both Councillors and the public, I feel we have achieved many good things for the town.

Thank you to the public for attending these meetings and for all the questions that have been asked.

**LA 300 PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

No questions

**Cllr Neave**, if any questions arise during the meeting we can suspend standing orders to hear them.

**LA 301** **TO CONSIDER APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & SUBSTITUTIONS**

Cllr Jackie Harrison-Hicks Ill health

Cllr Job Harris Prior appointment

Cllr Rachael Coles Ill health

Cllr Alan Milliner Ill health

Cllr Ron Maskell Prior LDC meeting

Cllr Melvyn Simmons Ill health

**AGREED**

**LA 302 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

None

**LA 303 TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Proposed by **Cllr Griffiths**.

seconded by **Cllr Duhigg**

**AGREED**

**LA 304 SUMMER FAIRS**

**Cllr Cheta,** the summer fair should continue but asked why the sponsorship revenue had dropped off for last years event causing the extra cost to the council.

**Deborah Donovan,** duringa breakfast meeting with the local Chamber of Commerce, at the beginning of last year, the previous L&A manager had stated in a speech that “the town council were financially well off” so when I stepped up to ask for sponsorship support no companies thought it was necessary. All other companies approached blamed the current financial climate for not being able to support the event.

**Cllr Duhigg** thanked Debbie and the office staff for their efforts in running the summer fair and feels that they all need more support by setting up a new committee incorporating staff and councillors to run these events.

Proposed by **Cllr Cheta**, to carry on with the summer fair and to set up a Council committee to run these events in the future, this to be adopted after the elections.

Seconded by **Cllr Griffiths**

**AGREED**

**Cllr Robertson entered the room and was invited to sit on the committee as a sub for Cllr Coles by Cllr Neave**

**LA 305 CHRISTMAS FAIR**

Proposed by **Cllr Duhigg.** to carry on with the event and that it would be included in the new committee’s agenda.

Seconded by **Cllr Griffiths**

**AGREED**

**LA 306** **SPONSORSHIP EVENTS PACKAGES**

**Deborah Donovan** gave a brief presentation about the packages.

**Cllr Cheta** is there an option for smaller amounts of sponsorship to accommodate small businesses in the town?

**Deborah Donovan** explained that this package was for commercial businesses in the town and that there were many opportunities for small firms to sponsor event programmes etc for lesser amounts.

Proposed **Cllr Duhigg**

Seconded **Cllr Cheta**

**AGREED**

**LA307 INFORMATION BOARDS**

**Cllr Duhigg** we should replace the information boards as they are important for the town and its tourism, we should also look at having a further information board at the eastern end of the promenade.

**Cllr Griffiths** residents were involved in the original selection and design of the boards was carried out by Stanley Bernard. This replacement could come from CIL money

**Cllr Robertson** could the money saved by not having a mayor’s reception be used

**Deborah Donovan** as there had already been a previous mayor’s reception in this financial year there is not any extra revenue, the reception would have been an additional cost.

Proposed by **Cllr Cheta** to investigate the costs and content of replacing the broken board, this cost to come from CIL contributions.

Seconded by **Cllr Duhigg**

**AGREED**

**Cllr Duhigg** asked that a new board for the east of the town be bought to the next L&A meeting

**LA 308 BOWLING CLUB GATES**

**NOTED**

**LA 309 PARK RUN CONTAINER** verbal update by **Kevin Bray**

The container is in place and being used, the Council needs to decide what length of lease and the rate of the peppercorn rent for having the container on our land.

**Cllr Neave** we should issue Park Run a licence rather than a lease as this can be done by officers of the town, this would still be a legally binding document and should include details of end of licence agreement as to removal of the container and leaving the area clean and tidy.

The peppercorn rent could be £1 a week.

Proposed by **Cllr Robertson** to set up a licence for the park run container and charge £1 a week for rent.

Seconded by **Cllr Duhigg**

**AGREED**

**LA 310 BUS SHELTER**

Deferred to Planning and highways committee.

**AGREED**

**LA311 CARER’S FREE TICKETS TO EVENTS**

**Cllr Griffiths declared a non-pecuniary interest.**

Proposed by **Cllr Robertson**

Seconded by **Cllr Duhigg**

**AGREED**

**LA 312 THE DELL SCRUB**

**Cllr Griffiths** the area was litter picked by volunteers over the weekend collecting 14 bags of rubbish from in amongst the bushes, the area would be greatly improved by cutting down the scrub and privet and planting a wild flower seed mix over the area, this should be a project which can be

funded from CIL moneys.

**Cllr Cheta** asked for an estimate of the cost

**Cllr Neave** suggested that they set a maximum cost ceiling of £3000 if it is costed as more than this it should return to the committee for debate.

Proposed by Cllr Robertson to set £3000 as a cost ceiling and set this up as a project.

Seconded by Cllr Griffiths

**LA 313 OVERFLOW CAR PARKING AT CENTENARY PARK**

**Kevin Bray** explained the idea an showed a map to the room.

**Cllr Cheta** permissions will need to be sort about crossing the bridle path, using the land as a car park and the correct design for the horse gateways to slow them down and make then aware that cars are in the area.

**Cllr Neave** suspended standing orders to allow the public to comment

**Mrs Helen Peters west ward** stated parking is a real issue in the park and any improvement would be very welcome by residents, there is also a problem with horses not sticking to the bridle path and trotting around the park in the early mornings before the groundstaff are on site. Can I thank the committee for bringing the dog fouling issue to the attention of the dog warden as I have seen a person in the park recently monitoring the excrement problem.

Proposed by **Cllr Duhigg** to investigate getting the permissions and pricing up the works.

Seconded by **Cllr Griffiths**

**AGREED**

**LA 314 PROJECT UPDATES**

**Kevin Bray** EH tree care has been instructed to carry out the tree works in flint way/ Centenary Park, after carrying out a site assessment they found that birds were nesting already so the works have been delayed until October at no extra cost.

Still waiting for the groundsman’s accommodation to be completed.

**Cllr Neave** thank you everyone for your support this year.

**THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING WAS CONFIRMED AS 21ST MAY 2019 IN THE ANZAC ROOM AT**

**7.30 PM**

**MEETING ENDED AT 8.57 PM**