

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Public Hall Committee held in the Council Chamber on Monday 12 October 2015, on the rising of the Meeting of the Community Gardens Committee.

Meeting commenced at 7.12pm.

PRESENT

Cllr Mrs L D Evans (Chairman)
Cllr C Richards (Town Mayor)
Cllr C A Kitson (Deputy Town Mayor)
Cllr A L Jones
Cllr Mrs M L Kenneally-Stone
Cllr Mrs C A Sismore-Hunt

Clerk: Mrs J E Vanstone

Others Present: Cllr A J Dent, Cllr A N Gooding and Cllr T D Wright

15.240 Public Speaking Time

No members of the public were present.

15.241 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr M C Hilliar (holiday).

15.242 Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Public Hall Committee held on 8 June 2015 had been circulated prior to the Meeting. It was unanimously agreed they be signed as a true record.

15.243 Declarations of Interests in Items on the Agenda

Cllr Mrs M L Kenneally-Stone and Cllr Mrs C A Sismore-Hunt both declared a personal interest in Min 15.249 – they are both on the committee of the Food and Drink Festival.

15.244 Chairman's Comments

The Chairman, Cllr Mrs L D Evans reported:

1. After using the Hall in August, Imperial Productions had reported that the winder for the stage curtains was not working correctly. She said that the winder needed immediate attention so the curtains could be used by all hirers.

The Clerk added that the winder would occasionally slip and the cable was bent in places.

2. She thought the advertisement in the One Magazine was very good and thanked the Clerk and Cllrs Kitson and Richards for their input.

15.245 Clerk's Report

The Clerk had nothing to report.

15.246 Public Access Defibrillator

A request for a public access defibrillator for the Hall had been received. After some discussion it was

Resolved: The Clerk will make an application to the British Heart Foundation for a funding for a machine and report all progress to the Town Council.



15.247 Stage Lighting

A quotation to replace the dimmer board, controller and six spotlights was received and considered. The Chairman advised that the dimmer unit was failing and the stage lights needed some attention. She added that the quotation did not include the cost of an electrician to carry out the work. It was

Resolved: The quotation was accepted and a local electrician will be approached to carry out the work.

15.248 Stage Curtains

A quotation for repairing the curtain track was received and considered. The Chairman said, as previously mentioned, this work was vital and it was

Resolved: The quotation was accepted.

15.249 Food and Drink Festival 2017

A request from the Festival organisers, that they be charged non-commercial rates for a Fundraising event to be held in the Hall in March 2016, was considered. It was

Resolved: The Clerk will contact the main organiser requesting a firm business case plus details of when the group will have charity status.

15.250 Hall Renovations 2016/17

A list of possible projects had been circulated prior to the Meeting. The list was discussed and it was agreed that the old boiler room should be decommissioned rather than renovated. The Chairman of the Finance Committee, Cllr C Richards, advised that he had created a new Budget Heading for Public Hall Major Repairs/Renovations (236) with a Budget of £13000.

The list was then prioritised as follows:

1. Replace the sound system.
2. Redecorate the gents' toilets including replacement flooring.
3. Decommission the boiler room.
4. Redecorate the ladies' toilets.
5. Redecorate the outer foyer and stairs.

The Chairman advised that there could be no overspend on this budget, so if there were insufficient funds to complete a project it would have to be carried forward to a future Financial Year.

15.251 Hire Charges

Consideration was given to an increase in the Hire Charges and it was

Resolved: An increase will be made to the Hire Charges; the new rates will be as per Appendices A and B and will come into effect from 1 December 2015.

15.252 Precept Requirements 2016/17

The figures prepared by the Clerk and the Chairman of the Finance Committee had been circulated prior to the Meeting and it was

Resolved: The Precept Requirement for 2016/17 would be £26,500.

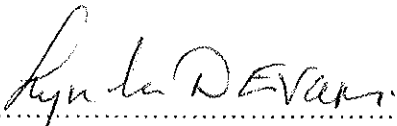


15.253 Any Other Business at the Chairman's Discretion

1. The Deputy Town Mayor, Cllr C A Kitson asked if the Chairman had contacted the new Bridal Shop in the town to enquire if they would be arranging weddings. Cllr Evans said she had spoken to the new owner and mentioned that the Hall was big enough to take an inside marquee.

The Town Mayor, Cllr C Richards said that a photograph album could be compiled showing the Hall being used for various types of events.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 7.57pm.


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