

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Public Hall Committee held in the Council Chamber on Monday 13 November 2017, on the rising of the Meeting of the Planning Committee.

Meeting commenced at 7.15pm.

PRESENT

Cllr Mrs L D Evans (Chairman)
Cllr A J Dent (Town Mayor)
Cllr T D Wright (Deputy Town Mayor)
Cllr A L Jones
Cllr C Richards
Cllr Mrs C A Sismore-Hunt

Clerk: Mrs J E Vanstone

Others Present: Cllr S V Hall and Cllr M C Hilliar and one representative of the press

17.281 Public Speaking Time

No members of the public were present.

17.282 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr C A Kitson (holiday)

17.283 Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Public Hall Committee held on 12 June 2017 had been circulated prior to the Meeting. It was unanimously agreed they be signed as a true record.

17.284 Chairman's Report

The Chairman, Cllr Mrs L D Evans said she tried to keep the committee involved with the running of the Hall and thanked Cllr C Richards for his co-operation when extra funding was required to deal with maintenance emergencies.

She said that last year the Christmas lights had failed but a new set had been purchased they would be put up, with the rest of the town lights, on 19 November.

17.285 Clerk's Report

Mrs J E Vanstone reported:

- Bookings for the Hall were steady and they already had bookings for 2019 and enquiries for 2020!
- The damp in the ladies' toilet had been sorted and she was waiting for Bagwells to finish off one or two small items.
- During the summer, internal alterations to the clock tower had been carried out. This would enable the clock engineer to work on the clock motors without the use of scaffolding or a cherry picker.
- Replacement leading on the windows had also been done in the summer.
- The three lapel microphones had been delivered and were all working. There was an issue with the hand-held microphone, but she thought that it was caused by interference from the Film Society (BFS) equipment. This only affected the Budleigh Salterton Art Society and she was leaving them to sort it out with BFS.

17.286 Clocks

A quotation from Smith of Derby for replacement clock motors was received and considered. It was

Resolved: The quotation should be accepted, and the work carried out during 2017/18.

17.287 The Norman Centre

The future use of the Norman Centre was discussed. It was

Resolved: Before any agreement is made to the future use of the Centre, Members should be aware of the potential rental income if the premises are let out on a long-term basis.
The Clerk will contact local estate agents and report to the Town Council when information is received.

17.288 Hire Charges

Discussion took place regarding a possible 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 on 1 January 2018.

17.289 Precept Requirements 2018/19

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

Resolved: The Precept Requirement for 2018/19 would be £16200.

17.290 Any Other Business at the Chairman’s Discretion

1. The Town Mayor, Cllr A J Dent suggested that the fact the Hall has free Wi-Fi needed to be better advertised.

Mrs Vanstone said she would arrange this.

2. The Chairman asked Members to think about items which could be discussed for inclusion in future budgets, such as a new central heating/hot water boiler and radiators and replacing the main Hall floor.

3. Cllr A L Jones asked, when the work was carried out on the clock tower, was the steel framework altered.

Mrs Vanstone said that just the wooden frame was adjusted to allow the clock engineer access to the motors.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 7.38pm.

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Date *11.06.2018*
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