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WISBECH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Civic Amenities & Mayors Charity Fund Committee, held in the Council Chamber on Monday 28 March 2011 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

The Mayor, Cllr Meekins; Deputy Mayor Cllr Farmer; Cllr Oliver in the Chair; and Cllrs Mrs Cox; Hill; Miss Hoy; Mrs Lawrence; Mrs Macrae; Wegg; and Wheeler.

In attendance: Erbie Murat, Town Clerk.

41. Apologies

Apologies were received from: Cllr Mrs Cox – husband in hospital
Cllr Wright – Wife recuperating from operation

On a proposal from Cllr Miss Hoy and Seconded by Cllr Oliver the above absences were APPROVED.

42. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest

43. Minutes

Members are NOTED the minutes of the sub-committee meeting of the Civic Amenities and the Mayor's Charity Fund held on 20 October 2011 as circulated, and NOTED that the only member present was Cllr Mrs Lawrence.

44. Feed-back Remembrance Sunday, Christmas Lights Switch-On, and Wisbech Christmas Market

Members NOTED that each of the above events were very well attended and were very successful. The Christmas lights and the Christmas tree were very well appreciated, with especial tributes being paid to the lighting along both sides of the Brink.

The cost to the Town Council was £13,941, which was £3,941 over budget to enable us to purchase 2,500 additional LED bulbs, and four 100 metre strings along the Brink, together with 60 additional 6.4 metre scaffolding poles.

The budget for next year has been retained at £10,000, so there will be no additional Christmas decorations for 2011.

Generally members felt that each of the events were good, and were pleased that they were well attended.

On a proposal from Cllr Miss Hoy and seconded by Cllr Hill members AGREED that both the Christmas market, and the Christmas Lights Switch-on should have their own budgets of £500 each, and asked the Town Clerk to facilitate this from the agreed budgets.

Members were ASSURED that the delays in removing the scaffolding poles would not occur again this year – and that February for their removal was unacceptable.

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45. Wisbech Rock Festival Sunday 5 June 2011 from 12 noon to 9pm

Members NOTED that for the 3rd year the Town Council is organising FREE Rock Music in Wisbech. This year it will be in Wisbech park again.

Despite the rain last year, over a thousand people turned out and had a great time. The Town Clerk has begun organising the event and has booked the Fairground, the generator, the use of Wisbech Park. It has been publicised in the town newsletter – people are being asked to bring the family, bring their friends, but mostly to bring themselves. ‘You don’t have to pay to get in, just turn up and have fun.’ More photos from last year on www.wisbechtowncouncil.org.uk

46. ARMED FORCES DAY 26 June 2011 - Wisbech Market Place

Members NOTED that this is a celebration of our Armed Forces. Armed Forces Day on 26 June will be an opportunity for the public to say thank you and recognise the outstanding contribution the Armed Forces community makes to this country.

This year Wisbech & District RAFA, with the help of the Town Council and local organisations are aiming for a military spectacular in Wisbech Market Place on 26 June. This has been publicised in the town newsletter as follows: ‘If you are involved with a military organisation, have any vintage vehicles you would like to bring along, or can volunteer help in any way, please contact the Town Council’.

Local cadet units, veterans associations and serving members have been invited to come along and celebrate the day.

Cllr Oliver reported that the Market Place has been booked, but that MOD funding would not be available as there is no money left in their pot. The organisers are trying to organise an all day event.

There will be a flag raising and taking down. They are looking to make arrangements for roads closure.

47. The Bring & Share Multi-cultural food, music and dance festival will be on Sunday 7 August in Wisbech Park from 12 pm until 8 pm.

Members NOTED that the Rosmini Centre have again volunteered to cook up a storm and we are planning a great number of musical and dance extravaganzas for the day (with help from Fenland Arts Association). This has been publicised in the town newsletter as follows: ‘we would really like to hear from you if you would like to come along and entertain us.’

Members suggested the Peg Dyke Molly Dancers and the East Anglian Players as possible entertainments.

There was also a suggestion make use of face-book - Cllr Oliver volunteered to establish whether this is possible under the guidelines for local government websites.



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48. Mayor-making Friday 13 May 2011 at 12 noon in the Council Chamber

Members NOTED that this will take place as normal – except that we cannot finalise the details until after the elections on 5 May.

On a proposal from Cllr Oliver and seconded by Cllr Wegg members AGREED that there would be a meeting Tuesday 10 May 2011 at 10 am in the Council Chamber for all elected members to come in and fill in their declaration forms and sign them, and to select a Mayor elect and a Deputy Mayor elect. Members NOTED that there would also be a rehearsal for Mayor-making attended by the Beadle.

The Mayor's reception is to take place in the Council Chamber, noting that the Chamber will only accommodate those that are invited to the Mayor making itself due to the Fire Safety limits placed upon numbers (60 maximum in the building)

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm

Signed

Date