

**Minutes of the  
Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel  
(to be confirmed at the next meeting)**

**Date:** Monday, 16 December 2019

**Venue:** Council Chamber - Civic Offices

**PRESENT:**

**Councillor** Mrs C L A Hockley (Chairman)

**Councillor** Mrs L E Clubley (Vice-Chairman)

**Councillors:** Mrs S M Bayford, S Dugan and Mrs K K Trott

**Also Present:** Councillor Miss S M Bell, Executive Member for Leisure and Community



**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor M J Ford, JP.

**2. MINUTES**

It was noted that the minutes to be agreed by the Panel were from the meeting held on 21 October 2019 and not as stated in the agenda pack.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 21 October 2019 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Chairman's announcements made at this meeting.

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OF ADVICE OR DIRECTIONS**

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

**5. DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

**6. REMODELLED FERNEHAM HALL PLANNING APPLICATION DESIGN**

Members received a presentation by the Director of Leisure and Community which outlined the top-level designs for submission as part of the planning application for the remodelled Ferneham Hall. A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes as Appendix A.

The Panel was pleased that initial concerns regarding the type of brick work to be used in the remodelling of Ferneham Hall had been reconsidered. Members very much preferred the revised concept designs that were put forward in the presentation and were particularly impressed with both the look of the new choice of brickwork and also the strong historic link that it will bring to the famous and distinctive red Fareham bricks that were used in the construction of London's Royal Albert Hall.

Members put forward their sincere thanks and gratitude to all Officers concerned for the hard work that has been put into driving this project forward on such a tight schedule.

RESOLVED that the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel recommends the top-level designs, as outlined in the presentation, to the Executive for approval as part of the planning application to remodel Ferneham Hall.

**7. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS**

**(1) Award of Contract - Leisure Centre Operator Contract**

No comments were received.

**(2) Community Fund Application - Portchester Bowling Club**

No comments were received.

**8. LEISURE AND COMMUNITY SCRUTINY PANEL PRIORITIES**

The Chairman invited the Panel to consider the Scrutiny Priorities for the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel.

Members enquired whether there would be an update on Cams Alders and were advised that a report would be brought to the Panel in due course.

Members also requested whether feedback could be provided regarding the success of the Christmas lights this year. It was agreed that an update would be brought to the Panel once survey results have been received.

(The meeting started at 3.30 pm  
and ended at 4.00 pm).



# Fernehham Hall

Appendix A to Leisure & Community Scrutiny Panel Minutes – 16 December 2019

## Project Update and Detailed External Designs

# Project Update

- 26 September Executive:
  - Concept design and budget costs agreed
  - Preferred bidder approved
- October: BH Live appointed to manage new venue

# Project Update

- BH Live:
- Working with officers on a diverse and attractive programme
- Input into project planning and design development



# Project Update

- Development of detailed tender for constructor procurement
- Exploring low or zero carbon (LCZ) options
- Help Council achieve 2030 carbon neutral aim



# Project Update

- HR Team supporting Ferneham Hall employees:
  - Help find new positions or identify redeployment options
- Final show on 5 January
- Decommissioning to start shortly after



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# Vision Reminder

- A main auditorium with around 800 seats
- Improved stage and backstage areas
- A flexible smaller secondary performance space of 100 seats
- A flexible studio space
- Community rooms/space for hire

# Concept Design Concerns

- Cost of maintaining white bricks
- Development Management:
  - Greater harmony with local materials
  - Closer integration with red bricks



# Developing the design

- Research into local buildings and brick making techniques
- High quality Fareham Red Brick e.g. Royal Albert Hall
- Grey and red bricks combined prominent locally e.g. High Street
- Sign of wealth

LOCAL BRICKWORK TECHNIQUES



**South Elevation (facing the shopping Centre)– retained and re-pointed red brick**



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## View from Civic Gardens path (close to Civic Offices) - Day



## View from Civic Gardens path (close to Civic Offices) - Night



## Close up of Civic Gardens entrance - Day





## Close up of Civic Gardens entrance - Night



## Main Entrance facing Osborn Road - Day



## Main Entrance facing Osborn Road - Night



# Close up of Main Entrance Day



## Close up of Main Entrance Night



## Birds eye view of venue looking at the main entrance



# Design Benefits

- Enticing and vibrant design
- Small footprint increase – 1,839 sqm to 1,918 sqm
- Large increase in more usable internal space  
630sqm

# Next Steps

- 6 January Executive: Seek approval for detailed design
- Scrutiny Panel comments to be included
- January: Submit planning application
- March: Planning Committee



Questions?

