

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

Date: Wednesday, 6 March 2019

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs C L A Hockley (Chairman)

Councillor Mrs L E Clubley (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs S M Bayford, S Dugan, J M Englefield, M J Ford, JP and Mrs K K Trott

Also Present: Miss S M Bell (Executive Member for Leisure and Community)



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received at this meeting.

2. MINUTES

It was AGREED that the Minutes of the Leisure and Community Panel meeting held on the 28 November 2018 be signed and confirmed 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 received at this meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations received at this meeting.

6. HAMPSHIRE CULTURAL TRUST - WESTBURY MANOR MUSEUM

The Panel received a presentation from representatives from the Hampshire Cultural Trust, Paul Sapwell, Chief Executive and Deborah Neubauer, Head of Community.

The presentation provided an overview of the Hampshire Cultural Trust, then went on to give specific details regarding the performance of the Westbury Manor Museum in Fareham.

The Panel were encouraged by the positive data and outlook for the next three years at the museum, although the uncertainties surrounding funding for the future is still a cause for concern.

Members asked several questions regarding ways in which the Hampshire Cultural Trust are working to increase the footfall into the Westbury Manor Museum, even though there has been a steady increase in visitors to the Museum since its refurbishment in 2017, the targets are not yet being achieved. Marketing options and increasing visitor numbers were discussed in detail with several suggestions from Members being raised, such as; pop up stalls, school newsletters and a loyalty card.

Members raised concerns over occasions when the Museum has not been able to open due to volunteer's availability. Deborah Neubauer addressed the Panel to reassure Members that although this does happen occasionally, there are usually enough volunteers to cover, meaning there is only a delay in opening rather than being closed for a longer period.

RESOLVED that the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel considered the contents of the presentations.

7. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

The Panel considered the Executive items of business which fall under the remit of the Leisure and Community Portfolio, including individual Executive Member decisions, that have taken place since the last meeting of the Scrutiny Panel on the 28 November 2018.

The Panel considered the decisions shown at items 7(1) to 7(4).

RESOLVED that the Leisure and Community Scrutiny Panel considered the items of Executive Business.

(1) Ferneham Hall Vision Review

No comments were received.

(2) Hampshire Physical Activity Strategy 2017-21

No comments were received.

(3) Matched Funding: Sarisbury Cricket Club

No comments were received.

(4) Community Fund Application - Seafarers Sailing Club

The Vice-Chairman, addressed the Panel to comment that she, in her role as Mayors Consort, recently attended a 'Commodore's at Home' event at the Seafarers Sailing Club and can confirm that their new tractor is very much appreciated.

8. LEISURE AND COMMUNITY SCRUTINY PANEL PRIORITIES

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

Councillor J M Englefield left the meeting during the discussions on this item.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Miss S Bell took part in the discussions on this item.

Members discussed the two main priorities; The Ferneham Hall Vision and The Cams Alders Vision. The Head of Leisure and Corporate Services addressed the Panel to confirm that both these pieces of work are still progressing, and agenda items will be brought to the Panel, at the appropriate time, within the next municipal year.

RESOLVED that the Panel considered the Scrutiny Priorities for the Leisure and Community Portfolio.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 7.35 pm).