

OAKENGATES TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE SOCIAL AND EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26th MAY 2010
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, OAKENGATES TOWN HALL,
THE PLACE THEATRE SQUARE, OAKENGATES

Present:

Chairman: Mr M Clowes (to open the meeting)
Cllr A Maddy thereafter.

Councillors: Cllrs S Wood (Mayor) N Booth, B M Norton, P Willis,
N Whitehouse, A Maddy, H Rhodes and J Ellis

Clerk: Max Clowes

Visitors C Orford (Chamber of Trade), S Reece (Oakengates
Pub Watch), Doreen Porter (Salvation Army)

Public Present: J Tevedale

Before the meeting opened the Deputy town Clerk (DTC) listed the names of councillors who were members of the committee following the council meeting on 24th May, and hence who were eligible to vote and to be nominated for chairman or vice-chairman of the committee.

Following a brief discussion Cllr B M Norton left the meeting.

**Minute
number**

**Agenda Item No
Title & minute**

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

948/10 Cllr A Maddy was proposed seconded and elected unopposed

949/10 **2. ELECTION ON VICE CHAIRMAN**

Cllr P Willis was proposed, seconded and elected unopposed

3. WELCOME BY THE CHAIRMAN

950/10 The new Chairman, Cllr A Maddy welcomed councillors and visitors.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND REASONS

951/10 To receive, consider and accept as appropriate, any apologies for absence in accordance with the terms of Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972. The following apologies were received:

Councillor T Trafford (holiday)

Noted and accepted

Debbie King and Maria Smallcombe (The Place)

Liv Bradbury (Wrockwardine Wood Arts College)

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any disclosures of Members' personal and/or prejudicial interests.

952/10 No personal or prejudicial interests were advised.

6. MINUTES

953/10 That the minutes of the Social and Events Committee meeting held on the 13th April 2010 having been circulated, were certified as a true record of the proceedings thereof and were authorised for signing by the chairman.

7. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

954/10 It was resolved that, under standing order 75, standing order 15 be suspended for the remainder of the meeting.

8. SUMMER OUTING 5th AUGUST 2010

955/10 The subject of the number of coaches was discussed. As a result it was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED that 4 coaches and 1 disabled coach be booked. Should the numbers of tickets issued exceeds the capacity of these 5 coaches then a 29 seater coach will be put on standby. If not required it will be sent back at a cost of £35. The tickets will be handed out on Friday 16th and 13rd July. The committee considered that in future years they should be available on different days each week e.g., a Thursday the first week and Friday the second.
Cllrs P Willis, H Rhodes, A Maddy, S Wood and N Whitehouse plus M Clowes all offered to be stewards.

9. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2010.

956/10 The presentation on the regeneration of Oakengates showed that the new columns would have to be removed. It was there fore considered wasteful to pay for replacement and stronger columns. It was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED that we retain the existing columns and use lighter decoration as in 2009.
It was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED that the two decorations with welcome lettering be purchase, the £4005 having been ring-fenced from a surplus in the 2009-2010 Social and Events budget.

957/10 Cllr S Wood offered to make enquiries regarding Carbon Trust grants to replace existing bulbs with low energy ones.

958/10 The DTC said that he would organise a Christmas Lights switch-on launch meeting at the end of June or early July. The DTC was instructed to invite representatives from all religious organisation within the Parish, in addition to Wrockwardine Wood arts College, the Theatre, Securasound, the Salvation Army and councillors.

10. FLORAL DECORATIONS

959/10 The DTC reported that:

- he was still awaiting a cost for the planter from
Limetree
- that the new baskets in the town will be put up in two
weeks time.

He further reported that he had been told that the Borough would check out the brackets on the bandstand but as yet he had not received confirmation that this had been done. The Deputy town Clerk was directed to contact them again and to obtain in writing that the brackets were suitable for use. This must happen before they are put up.

11. OAKENGATES IN THE PARK

960/10 The DTC reported on a review meeting held with Paul Shuttleworth at which Cllr Maddy was also in attendance.. All is going to plan, and Cllr Maddy was able to offer some items of equipment which PS Promotions were making a charge for. This has resulted in savings of £345

A photo call for publicity matter has had been arranged for Tuesday June 1st at 10am. Cllrs wood, Rhodes and Willis will attend.

12. OTHER EVENTS FOR 2010

961/10 The DTC reported that he had spoken to Yvonne Taylor of Wrockwardine Wood and Trench PC and that there was no decision yet on whether they were organising a Fun Day in 2010

13. BUDGET 2010-11

962/10 The DTC tabled an updated budget prediction for 2010-11 which showed that the expected spend was within the £25,000 budget. The surplus was insufficient to allow for the for other events but might enable the purchase of some additional but small Christmas Decorations or support the Fun Day (see minute 961/10 above)

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:45 pm.

Chairman

Date