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Town Clerk K. Coulton

Minutes of the meeting of the Leisure and Amenities Committee held on February 8th 2016 in the I.T. Room, St John’s Community Centre Penistone at 7.0pm

PRESENT: Cllrs. Cutts, (in the chair) Mrs. Millner, Ogle, Unsworth, Hionchcliff, Mrs. Hinchliff, Chadburn and Hand – Davis.

Also present the **Town Clerk K. Coulton and Finance Officer Amanda Hart.**

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received from **Cllrs. Kimberley, Webber Mayor Cllr. Millner** and **Brian Barnsley** Cinema Manager
RESOLVED The apologies were recorded.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

The **Chair** invited declarations of which there were NONE

REPORTS

Paramount Cinema

Staffing: Fully staffed at present and looking at staff grades in preparation for the minimum wage on April 1st

Programme: A stunning Christmas period has seen sell out performances. Ther Panto season has also been well received with attendances well ahead of last years.

Forward planning the film offering is very encouraging with Dads Army, and a return of The Lady in the Van.

Building: The backstairs have been recovered and are much improved.

Quotes for extra stage lighting etc. were recommended for approval.

Paramount Budget Report:

Amanda Hart the Finance Officer presented members with a documented account of the Paramount’s financial affairs. Members present appeared satisfied with the information given.

Paramount Lease:

The Town Clerk read the latest correspondence from the Estate Manager at Barnsley MBC confirming Barnsley MBC has no objection to extending the lease to the Town Council in relation to the Paramount. In order to extend the lease the current lease would have to be terminated and a new lease granted to expire April 2029, presumably this arrangement would allow the Town council to obtain funding for a new cinema screen.

The following points needed to be agreed as conditions of any lease extension and would require the approval of the Town Council.

- a) The existing lease documents that the parties agree that in the event of any individual item of repair and maintenance that exceeds £250.00 then each individual item of repair and maintenance shall be reported to the Council (Barnsley MBC) who shall decide whether or not to carry out the repair at the Council’s (Barnsley) expense.

Signed.....Mayor 15/02/16

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It is at the Council's (Barnsley) sole discretion to carry out the repairs and the council may give 6 months' notice to bring the lease to an end if the repair is not feasible.

Due to the lapse of time since the figure of £250.00 was set it is proposed that the figure of £250.00 remains until 2019 when the existing lease would have expired and that after this date the sum be increased to £500.00 before the Council (Barnsley) takes responsibility for the repairs and maintenance up to the end of the lease. This figure would have been reconsidered at the end of the existing term regardless.

The existing lease makes provision for the Town Council to reimburse the costs of providing heating on a percentage basis this would remain, however, the expectation would be that the cost of providing heat not only includes the cost of gas but also the boiler repairs and any other cost associated with the provision of heating.

- b) On the basis that the Town Council instruct its own Solicitor it was proposed that each party pays its own costs associated with the surrender and renewal. Should the Town Council not appoint a Solicitor to act on its behalf the Council (Barnsley) would make a charge for work carried out of £500.00

Following a lengthy discussion it was recommended subject to ratification by full Council that this course of action be followed and that the Town Council allows Barnsley MBC to carry out the legal duties and transactions subject to the cost of £500.00 as stated.

Paramount Wages Structure:

It subject to ratification by full Council it was recommended that the following hourly rates be approved with effect from April 1st 2016

Attendants and Cleaners £7.50

Film Operative and Bar Lead £8.00

Cashier/ Clerical / Projectionist £8.50

Duty Manager / Chief Cashier / Advertising £10.50

Manager £13.00

The new rates would comply with the Living wage as of April 1st 2016

Rates simplified and rationalized

New role of Bar Lead alongside Film Operative

Cashier, Clerical and Projectionist grades unified

Duty Manager in line with other managerial rate

Proposed increase to the Paramount admission charges:

It was recommended subject to approval by full Council the following rise in admission charges:

Adult £6.50

Concession 2 – 14 and over 60 years of age and in the stalls only £5.50

Discounted Weds matinee tickets for over 60's would increase to £4.50

Discounted twilight show tickets would increase to £5.50

Family tickets for the stalls would increase to £22.00

Family tickets for the circle would increase to £24.00

Signed.....Mayor

Admission Charges continued

Town Clerks note:

Following investigation on the following it was established that concessions for 2 – 14 year olds is to comply with the age criteria for films.

Concessions for extra children in conjunction with family tickets is impractical

Baby changing facilities are available in the disabled toilet

Cllr Unsworth commented that he had reported the condition of the car park at the Paramount to Barnsley MBC as he was witness to a recent accident occurring due to potholes in the surface.

Resource Centre:

The Town Clerk stated that recent Government changes to Sure Start centres' would not affect the centre in Penistone

Community Centre:

The Town Clerk stated that arrangements had been made to renew the doors and sink in the ladies toilet, a new glass washer was to be installed in the Bar Room and a new carpet had been laid in the office.

A local decorator had been approached and agreed to carry out work within the Community Centre.

Queens 90th Birthday Celebrations:

The Town Clerk commented on the long tradition of celebrating royal events with the lighting of beacons in prominent. The beacon project by agreement with the Royal Household would take place in three forms:

- a) A traditional bonfire beacon
- b) A beacon brazier on top of a tall wooden pole
- c) A gas fueled beacon.

It was recommended subject to approval by full Council to purchase a gas fueled beacon at a cost of £299.00 + vat. The Town Clerk was to contact the Councils insurers for details prior to purchase

Battle of the Somme one hundred year anniversary:

Cllr. Hand – Davis commented that he would be attending the ceremony on the site of the battle in his capacity as Town Mayor along with the Leader and Mayor of Barnsley MBC, Members of Parliament and the Lord Mayor of Sheffield.

He had also made arrangements with St. Johns Church and the British Legion to hold a commemorative service outside the Cenotaph in Penistone on the day (Friday July 1st at a time of either 10am or 11am yet to be decided)

Date and Time of the next meeting:

To be confirmed

Signed.....Mayor 15/02/16

