

Minutes of the Leisure and Amenities Committee
held remotely on Monday 8th June 2020

Present: The Town Mayor Cllr Webber, Cllr Cutts in the Chair, and Councillors G. Millner, Unsworth, Hinchliff, Rusby and Barraclough.

Also present:

A. Hart – Acting Town Clerk & Finance Officer
B. Barnsley – Manager of the Paramount Cinema
E. A. Wright – taking the Minutes

2020/1 Apologies for absence

It was **NOTED** and **RECORDED** by the meeting that no apologies for absence had been received.

2020/2 Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest from Councillors

In accordance with Section 31 of the Local Government Act 2011, the Chair invited declarations of interest.

It was **NOTED** and **RECORDED** by the meeting that no declarations of interest were received.

2020/3 Budget Report for the Paramount

A spreadsheet outlining the current financial situation was discussed and it was noted that the Paramount had received a £10,000 grant from Barnsley MBC and was not liable for business rates. The Paramount account was being subsidised by the General account. It was noted that a large amount of income from forward tickets sales had been reimbursed. It was agreed that staff had done their very best to reduce outgoings.

It was agreed the report be **NOTED**.

2020/4 Report on Planned Improvements during closure

The Cinema Manager reported he had taken part in a remote meeting of the Cinema Exhibitors who were looking at ways to open up cinemas which included the use advance tickets, cash less payments, the issue of toilets and the introduction of extensive cleaning regimes. It is anticipated that when abiding by the current social distancing guidelines the cinema could open with 20% capacity, but the situation is changing every week.

It was agreed that a move to cashless payments was preferable. The Cinema Manager also mentioned the cinema gift card which could be topped up and used to pay for tickets, ice cream etc.

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The work on the house lights was nearing completion and the repairs to the front steps was due to begin in July.

Whilst the Paramount is closed it was agreed further planned improvements using the earmarked reserves should be considered.

It was noted that quotations have been requested for the refurbishment of the seats, although the Cinema Manager was meeting with another company this week as it may be a cheaper option may be to replace the seats.

Quotations have been requested for the decorating of the cinema and for a new carpet.

The Cinema Manager is looking at the installation of a security shutter for the entrance to the Millennium Room.

The Cinema Manager was also talking to a festoon curtain repairer with the view of getting the festoon curtain repaired.

Moved by the Town Mayor, Seconded by Cllr G. Millner and **RESOLVED**
the Cinema Manager submits further details for planned improvements using earmarked reserves, in particular with respect to the seating, and with guide prices, which can be presented at the next Town Council meeting.

2020/5 Date and time of the next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting be held on Monday 6th July 2020 after the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

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