

A Query to Lowestoft Town Council Regarding Acquirement of the Punch and Judy Booth

I am writing to enquire if you would be interested in the last Punch and Judy Booth which stood in the Childrens Corner.

It was built in the 1970s and was the stage where Haraldo and Bryan Clarke, Professor Jingles entertained thousands of children. I think it deserves to be preserved and perhaps used at events in the future.

As it was a seasonal structure it should have winter protection, but I am sure something suitable could be created.

You have a lovely depiction of it close to the office now you could have the real thing in one of your open spaces.

Images, dimensions and information from a condition survey were requested

The booth measures 1870 x 1870 square with a height of 2440. made from ply and timber sections.

The roof is three sheets of corrugated metal, it would require some bolts for the corners and a new lock or at least a key as both have long been lost.

Personally, I would probably take the paint scheme back to the original, which was cream and light blue from memory, but it could be left in the present colours. Perhaps you could even ask REDACTED to repaint the proscenium.

There are a few woodworm holes in the ply facing but the timber frames are good, so a good woodworm treatment would be necessary as a preventative.

Also available is a Laughing Sailor made by REDACTED and myself which would go well with the regeneration of Lowestoft's Town Hall and Battery Green area.

Please find links to some photos of the booth and the Laughing Sailor as mentioned:

[Punch and Judy Booth](#)

[Laughing Sailor](#)

Clarification was requested on whether this should be considered a gift or if the Town Council were to purchase the booth at a cost

I think I need to know their thoughts about it and what they could do to preserve it. I wouldn't like to see it go and then nothing be decided about its future. I understand this would have to go on the asset register, be insured and maintained, therefore I would really need to know the thoughts of the Committee first.