

Lowestoft Town Council
Extraordinary Meeting of the Marina Theatre Project Committee
First Floor, Hamilton House, Battery Green Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk, NR32 1DE
12:00 on Monday 30 September 2024

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Sonia Barker, Nasima Begum (Chair), Neil Coleby, Christine Moore and Andy Pearce. Emma Bellward (Project Manager) and Darren Newman (East Suffolk Council Officers). David Blythe, Hazel Clover, Norman Cullingford, Andy Gallant, Robin Townley and Sam Vallerius (Marina Theatre Trust)

In Attendance: Sarah Foote (Acting Town Clerk) and Taylor Williams (Committee Clerk & Planning Assistant). Henry Swan (HS Procurement Consultant), Edmund Wilson, Adrian Meconi

40. Welcome

The fire evacuation procedure and public right to report was explained and the meeting was welcomed.

41. To receive and consider approval of apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Brooks with reasons provided. Cllr Pearce proposed approval; seconded by Cllr Barker; all in favour.

To abide by the quorum rules of this Committee, for the non-Councillors the following members would exercise their voting rights: Emma Bellward, Darren Newman, David Blythe and Robin Townley.

42. Declarations of Interests and dispensations

42.1. To receive declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary, Other Registerable and Non-Registerable interests from members of the Committee on items on the agenda – There were no declarations.

42.2. To consider written requests for dispensations for interests and note dispensations granted – No written requested for dispensations had been received.

43. To consider the draft minutes and confidential note of the meeting on 12th September 2024

The minutes were in progress and would be deferred to the next meeting.

44. Public forum

An opportunity for the public to make comments on any matters on this agenda, and to consider any advance comments from the public – No advanced comments had been received.

45. To receive a contract reward report and consider making a recommendation to Full Council on the main build contract (confidential)

This item was discussed in confidential session.

Henry Swan, Edmund Wilson and Adrian Meconi left the chamber at 12:13

46. To consider funding options and terms and make a recommendation to Full Council (confidential)

This item was discussed in confidential session.

47. To receive an update on the Licence for Alterations including liquidated damages (confidential)

This item was discussed in confidential session.

48. To consider any additional recommendations to Full Council

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Recommendations were made in confidential session.

49. Date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting would be considered after the extraordinary Full Council meeting on 3 October 2024.

50. Items for the next agenda and close

51. To resolve that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, namely any legal issues relating to the matters on this agenda:

51.1. To consider any legal issues, including those above as required – Cllr Pearce proposed the meeting be moved into confidential session; seconded by Cllr Barker; all in favour.

The Chair closed the meeting to the public and moved into confidential session at 12:04

45. To receive a contract reward report and consider making a recommendation to Full Council on the main build contract (confidential)

There was a confidential discussion concerning the main building contract.

Cllr Pearce made a confidential proposal with a recommendation to Full Council; seconded by Cllr Barker; all in favour.

Henry Swan, Edmund Wilson and Adrian Meconi left the chamber at 12:13

46. To consider funding options and terms and make a recommendation to Full Council (confidential)

There was a confidential discussion on funding options and related terms.

Cllr Pearce made a confidential proposal with a recommendation to Full Council; seconded by Cllr Barker; all in favour.

47. To receive an update on the Licence for Alterations including liquidated damages (confidential)

There was a confidential discussion regarding the Licence for Alterations and liquidated damages.

Cllr Pearce made a confidential proposal; seconded by Cllr Barker; all in favour.

48. To consider any additional recommendations to Full Council

The proposal made under item 46 and an amendment was agreed by all members.

Sam Vallerius left the chamber at 12:47

Any communications would be agreed by all parties and Cllr Pearce proposed any agreement to communications from LTC, particularly for the announcement of awarding the contract, including any consent, be delegated to its officers; seconded by Cllr Barker; all in favour.

The Chair closed the meeting at 12:53

Signed:
10 October 2024