Nottinghamshire County Council

minutes

Meeting	Culture Committee
Date	3 November 2015 (commencing at 10.30am)

Membership
Persons absent are marked with an 'A'

COUNCILLORS

John Knight (Chairman)
Pauline Allan (Vice-Chairman) - A

Chris Barnfather
Alan Bell
Richard Butler
John Clarke
John Cottee
Maureen Dobson - A
Sybil Fielding - A
Tom Hollis
Roger Jackson – A
Liz Plant
Mike Pringle
Parry Tsimbiridis

Ex-officio (non-voting)
A Alan Rhodes

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Pete Barker	-Democratic Services
Peter Gaw	-Group Manager, Libraries, Archives & Information
Sally Gill	-Group Manager, Planning
Derek Higton	-Service Director, CFCS
Philippa Milbourne	-CFCS
Carol Newman	-Team Manager, CFCS
Colin Pettigrew	-Corporate Director, CFCS
Simon Redfern	-Communications

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

That the minutes of the last meeting held on 22 September 2015 were taken as read and were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Dobson (other County Council business). Councillor Tsimbiridis replaced Councillor Allan, Councillor Plant replaced Councillor Fielding and Councillor Butler replaced Councillor Jackson, all for this meeting only.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

On behalf of the Committee the Chairman welcomed Colin Pettigrew, the new Corporate Director, Children, Families and Cultural Services, to his first meeting of the Committee.

SERVICE UPDATE FOR THE PERIOD 29 JUNE TO 31 AUGUST 2015

RESOLVED 2015/049

That the update on a range of initiatives being undertaken to improve and enhance the quality of life for Nottinghamshire people be noted.

RUFFORD COUNTRY PARK AND BESTWOOD COUNTRY PARK – FUTURE OPTIONS

RESOLVED 2015/050

1) That the undertaking of soft market testing to gauge the potential viability of establishing alternative arrangements for the future delivery of the catering and commercial offer at Rufford be approved, with resultant recommendations to be considered by Committee at its March 2016 meeting.

2) That work continues to develop and support the Friends of Bestwood Country Park group to further develop their engagement in making the park more sustainable.

3) That the current onsite ranger services and grounds maintenance arrangements at Bestwood Country Park be reviewed, with a view to generating further efficiency savings.

THE ROBIN HOOD FESTIVAL 2015 AND PROPOSALS FOR 2016

On behalf of the Committee, the Chairman thanked the staff, especially those in the Communications Team, and the volunteers involved in this successful event.

RESOLVED 2015/051

1) That approval be given for the Robin Hood Festival for 2016 to take place from 1st - 7th August 2016.

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2) That the road closure and local parking restrictions carried out at the 2015 event be repeated in 2016 (subject to Police and Highways Authority approvals).

CO-LOCATION OF MISTERTON PARISH COUNCIL INTO MISTERTON LIBRARY WITH SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP LIBRARY

RESOLVED 2015/052

1) That the co-location of Misterton Parish Council into the Misterton Library building be approved.

2) That a community partnership library be developed with Misterton Parish Council.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2015

RESOLVED 2015/053

That the update on the Summer Reading Challenge 2015 reading initiative be noted.

REVIEW OF LIBRARY STOCK RECOVERY PROCEDURES

RESOLVED 2015/054

1) That the 1.54 fte post of stock collector be deleted from the Libraries establishment

2) That additional electronic notices be generated to encourage the return of overdue stock.

WORK PROGRAMME

A workshop to be organised before the meeting of the Committee in March 2016 to provide informal feedback on the progress made in examining the future options for Rufford Country Park and Bestwood Country Park.

An update report to be taken to the meeting of the Committee in March 2016 regarding the work undertaken with the Friends of Bestwood Country Park.

RESOLVED 2015/055

That the committee's work programme be noted.

The meeting closed at 11.52am

CHAIRMAN