



**Nottinghamshire
County Council**
minutes

Meeting Culture Committee

Date 19 April 2016 (commencing at 2.00pm)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with an 'A'

COUNCILLORS

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

Roy Allan
Chris Barnfather
John Clarke
John Cottee
Maureen Dobson

Sybil Fielding
Roger Jackson
David Martin
Mike Pringle

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Pete Barker -Democratic Services
Sally Gill -Group Manager, Planning
Linda Hardy -Visitor Services Manager, CFCS
Derek Higton -Service Director, CFCS
Philippa Milbourne -CFCS

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Michael Copleston -RSPB
Ross Frazer -RSPB
Peter Gaw -Inspire
Carol Newman -Inspire

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

That the minutes of the last meeting held on 8 March 2016 were taken as read and were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MEMBERSHIP

Councillor Roy Allan replaced Councillor Bell and Councillor Martin replaced Councillor Hollis, both for this meeting only.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Dobson declared a non-pecuniary interest in the item 'Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre and Country Park – Progress Update' as she is a member of Newark and Sherwood District Council's Planning Committee.

Councillor Knight and Councillor Cottee each declared a non-pecuniary interest in the item 'Launch of Inspire' as potential members of the Inspire Board.

Councillor Pauline Allan and Councillor Clarke each declared a non-pecuniary interest in the item 'Bestwood Country Park – Future Maintenance Arrangements' as they are members of Gedling Borough Council.

Councillor Chris Barnfather also declared a non-pecuniary interest in the item 'Bestwood Country Park – Future Maintenance Arrangements' as the park is in his electoral division.

None of the above declarations precluded the Members from speaking or voting on the relevant items.

SERVICE UPDATE FOR THE PERIOD 22 FEBRUARY TO 28 MARCH 2016

RESOLVED 2016/022

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

SHERWOOD FOREST VISITOR CENTRE AND COUNTRY PARK – PROGRESS UPDATE

Michael Coplestone and Ross Frazer from the RSPB gave a presentation to Committee regarding the concepts for the new visitor centre.

RESOLVED 2016/023

That Culture Committee notes the progress made on entering into legal agreements with the RSPB as partner to design, build and operate a new visitor centre at Sherwood Forest Country Park, to decommission the existing facilities, and the next steps.

RESPONSE TO PETITION: SAVE OUR FUNFAIR - EDWINSTOWE

RESOLVED 2016/024

That the Committee notes that discussions are ongoing with Edwinstowe Funfair operators regarding the future location of the Funfair, and that the Council remains committed to supporting the effective relocation of the Funfair, and the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

LAUNCH OF INSPIRE

RESOLVED 2016/025

That the update on the establishment and launch of Inspire be noted.

BESTWOOD COUNTRY PARK – FUTURE MAINTENANCE ARRANGEMENTS

RESOLVED 2016/026

- 1) That approval be given for officers to pursue more detailed contractual negotiations with Gedling Borough Council, with a view to a) confirming the potential savings set out above, and b) establishing the detailed terms of a legally binding contract with the Borough Council for the Park's medium term management arrangements.
- 2) That the final terms of the contract be subject to agreement by Culture Committee in the autumn of 2016, with new management arrangements commencing in April 2017.

ARTS IN LIBRARIES

RESOLVED 2016/027

That the update on the delivery of arts activity in libraries be noted.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT RECORD ONLINE

RESOLVED 2016/028

That members note the work that has been undertaken to secure the Historic Environment Record and to improve accessibility for service users in line with national standards and guidelines and with the County Council's Digital First approach.

WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED 2016/029

That the committee's work programme be noted.

The meeting closed at 3.07pm

CHAIRMAN