

A Report of the Bell Centre Sub Committee to the Parish Council

The Committee met at 8.00 pm on **Monday 15th September 2014** in Committee Room 1 at the Parish Hall in Great Baddow. Councillor Mrs V Sadowsky chaired the meeting.

Present: Councillors Mrs V Sadowsky, Mrs D Ronaldson, K Liley, Mrs M Miller, T Miller, Mrs C Shaw and Mrs J Sosin

In attendance: The Assistant Clerk of the Council

315/14 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs T Hatcher.

316/14 Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Other Pecuniary Interests or Registerable Non Pecuniary Interests.

317/14 Public Question Time

There were no members of the public present.

318/14 Minutes

The minutes from the last meeting held on 24th February 2014 were signed as a true record by Cllr Mrs V Sadowsky. Proposed by Cllr Mrs V Sadowsky and seconded by Cllr Mrs C Shaw.

319/14 Clerks Report

There was no written Clerks report as the matters for updating were on the agenda.

320/14 Update Report on Hall Hire Numbers

A report prepared by the Assistant Clerk had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was noted that party bookings at the Bell Centre remain very low, and the 1st Great Baddow Guides are no longer hiring the centre on a Monday evening. The Chelmsford New City Girls WI is now holding fortnightly meetings in the centre for both their Ukulele Group and Burlesque Dancing Group.

321/14 Budget

Review of budget spending for 2014/2015

Cllr Mrs V Sadowsky introduced a review of the budget spending to date for 2014/2015 and it was agreed that the expenditure was in line with the budget in most areas, and there were no concerns.

Draft budget for 2015/2016

Cllr Mrs V Sadowsky introduced the draft budget, and noted the areas where the budget has been increased in line with inflation or with information from Cllr A Sosin on the percentage increases expected to be applied at Chelmsford City Council.

It was agreed that this budget should go forward to the Finance and General Purposes Committee as the recommendation of the Bell Centre Sub Committee. Proposed by Cllr Mrs V Sadowsky and seconded by Cllr Mrs C Shaw.

322/14 Matters for Information

There were no matters for information.

It was resolved that the meeting would be closed to the public and press under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted in the following item

323/14 Bell Centre Lease

Cllr Mrs C Shaw reported that the Bell Centre Working Group had met earlier in the day to consider the four quotations received for a feasibility study. Cllr K Ronaldson will be reporting the recommendations to the Clerk, for approval at the Council meeting on 13th October 2014.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.20 pm.

Signed..... Chairman Date.....