



Minutes of a meeting of the Princess Management Committee held on 8th February 2024 in the Council Chamber, The Old Courthouse, Jaycroft Road, Burnham-on-Sea at 7 pm

Present: Councillors S. Perry (Chair), P. Clayton, J. Flurry, R. Keen, C. Searing, B. Vickers, J. Warren

In attendance: E Dutton (Deputy Clerk), J Hook (Theatre Manager) and one member of the public

Public Participation: No representations were made.

86.0 M24 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Baker.

87.0 M24 To receive any declarations of interest on items included on this agenda

There were no declarations of interests.

88.0 M24 To receive and approve the minutes of the Princess Management meeting held on 19th December 2023

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Princess Management Committee, held on 19th December 2023, were presented by the Chair.

Resolved that the minutes be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chair.

89.0 M24 Matters arising from previous minutes

The Theatre Manager gave an update on the carnival queen event charges and confirmed no one would have been charged a ticketing fee.

The Theatre Manager confirmed she had looked into the fire regulations and checked the current report and everything was passed as being safe.

90.0 M24 To receive the Princess update report

The Theatre Manager gave an overview of the report.

The Mother Goose panto was really well attended and enjoyed by all.

Participation groups have been well attended.

Comedy Network was well attended by 61 people.

Really pleased to have the Post Office Scandal at the Princess Theatre and tickets are selling well.



91.0 M24 To note the most recent committee income and expenditure report

The report was noted and no concerns raised.

92.0 M24 To receive update on the implementation of the Theatre review recommendations

The Chair has asked for a full update from the Town Clerk at the next meeting.

The Chair confirmed the Terms of Reference for the PMC will be reviewed in the next couple of weeks and this will be a good opportunity to look at the recommendations of the theatre review report.

Since the Marketing Officer has been in post, there has been an increase in tickets sales at the Theatre.

An advert has been placed in What's on Somerset and the Theatre has an editorial slot, which focuses on the Post Office Scandal. Nick Wallis, the series Consultant for the recent ITV drama, will be at the Princess presenting it.

The Marketing Officer has been in touch with the tourist Information and has been allocated a window specifically for the Princess advertising. There has been valued support from other media outlets and shows are being promoted in other publications in town.

93.0 M24 To receive update regarding Café lease

It was reported at the last meeting that an extension to the café lease for one year had been agreed. However, the current lease holders have decided they no longer wish to continue running the café, therefore their lease will expire at the end of May.

The Theatre Manger and Town Clerk will be working on potential options for providing bar and café services at the Princess Theatre, and these options will be presented at the next meeting for consideration with recommendations then made to Town Council.

94.0 M24 Date of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 12th March 2024 at 7pm.