

Minutes of a meeting of the Assets & Amenities Committee held on 24th September 2024 in the Council Chamber, The Old Courthouse, Jaycroft Road, Burnham-on-Sea at 7 pm

Present: Councillors P. Clayton (Chair), M. Facey, J. Flurry, G. Gudka, C. Searing, B. Metcalfe

In attendance: E Dutton (Deputy Town Clerk), J Hook (Theatre Manager) and four members of the public

Public Participation: A member of the public spoke regarding the removal of items not adhering to the cemetery Regulations from Brent Road Cemetery. He acknowledged he had seen the signs regarding the rules and regulations but didn't expect the artificial flowers to be deemed inappropriate and felt the cemetery looked empty. He asked that the regulations are re-evaluated as he feels artificial flowers should not be deemed a problem.

Councillor Clayton advised a written response would be provided.

26.A24 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Millard, Murphy and Wynn.

27.A24 To receive any declarations of interest on items included on this agenda

There were no declarations of interests.

28.A24 To receive and approve the minutes of the Assets & Amenities meeting held on 23rd July 2024

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Assets & Amenities Committee meeting held on 23rd July 2024, were presented by the Chairman.

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

29.A24 Matters arising from previous minutes

There were no matters arising.

30.A24 To note the most recent committee income and expenditure report

No queries were raised and the report was noted.

31.A24 To note the most recent footfall report

The report was noted.



32.A24 To receive Town Rangers report

The report was noted.

33.A24 To note speed indicator (SIDS) data

The speed indicator device data was noted.

34.A24 To review and agree the signal box and room hire Fees and Charges and to make a recommendation to Finance & Governance Committee for 2025/26

Resolved that the Committee recommends the proposed fees and charges to the Finance and Governance Committee.

35.A24 Princess Theatre

35.1 To receive update on the implementation of the Theatre review recommendations

Good progress has been made and some items are still ongoing.

35.2 To receive Theatre Managers update report

The Theatre Manager gave an overview of the report.

A new group called Contemporary Creative Textiles has been popular they are working on a project to do with Burnham-on-Sea.

The pottery painting event for the seniors has sold out.

The number of tickets sold since the report was made has gone up substantially.

Bookings are being made for 2025 and 2026.

The ticket sales comparisons show the revenue has gone up, in 2022/23 the revenue was £98,529.20 in 2023/24 it was £151,119.65.

The only time the venue isn't used is on a Monday where a deep clean takes place.

35.3 To review and agree Fees and Charges and to make a recommendation to Finance & Governance Committee for 2025/26

Resolved that the Committee recommends the proposed fees and charges to the Finance and Governance Committee.

36.A24 Cemeteries

36.1 To receive cemeteries update report

The cemeteries report was noted.



36.2 To review and agree Fees and Charges and to make a recommendation to Finance & Governance Committee for 2025/26

Resolved that the Committee recommends the proposed fees and charges to the Finance and Governance Committee.

36.3 To receive report following complaints received

The cemeteries complaint report was noted.

37.A24 Allotments

37.1 To receive allotments update report

The allotment report was noted.

37.2 To review and agree Fees and Charges for 2025/26

Resolved that the Committee recommends to the Finance and Governance Committee that the allotments fees and charges are not increased for 2025/26.

38.A24 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for 19th November 2024 at 7 pm.

39.A24 Resolved to exclude members of the press and public as publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

40.A24 To receive report regarding the Cabaret Café

Resolved that the Committee agreed the Cabaret Café are to continue paying 15% commission and the £200 flat rate fee is to be held for 3 months, then reviewed again.