

# **CULTURE, RECREATION & TOURISM CABINET MEMBER MEETING**

## **Agenda Item 34**

Brighton & Hove City Council

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Extract from the Proceedings of the Council Meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2011</b>		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>6 December 2011</b>		
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Strategic Director: Resources</b>		
<b>Cabinet Member Responsible:</b>	<b>Councillor Bowden, Cabinet Member for Culture, Recreation &amp; Tourism</b>		
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<b>Wards Affected:</b>	<b>All</b>		

### **BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**

**4.30pm 20<sup>th</sup> October 2011  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL**

#### **DRAFT MINUTES**

**Present:** Councillors: Meadows (Chair); Wells (Deputy Chair), Barnett, Bowden, Brown, Buckley, Carden, Davey, Deane, Duncan, Farrow, Follett, Gilbey, Hamilton, Hawtree, Janio, Jarrett, Jones, Kennedy, J Kitcat, Lepper, Littman, MacCafferty, Marsh, Mears, Mitchell, A. Norman, K. Norman, Oxley, Peltzer Dunn, Phillips, Pidgeon, Pissaridou, Powell, Randall, Robins, Rufus, Shanks, Simson, Smith, Summers, Sykes, C Theobald, G Theobald, Wakefield, Wealls and West.

#### **PART ONE**

##### **23(A). THE FUTURE OF SALTDEAN LIDO**

- 23.1 The Mayor stated that under the Council's petition scheme, if a petition contained 1,250 or more signatures, it could be debated by the Full Council and such a request had been made in respect of an e-petition concerning The Future of Saltdean Lido.
- 23.2 The Mayor invited Ms. R. Crook to present her petition.

- 23.3 Ms. Crook thanked the Mayor and stated that a total of 2,913 people had signed the combined paper and e-petition which she believed was the largest e-petition the council had received and read as follows:
- “We the undersigned petition the council to commence urgent proceedings and pro-active action against the current lease-holder of Saltdean Lido to maintain the building and comply fully with the terms and conditions of the lease this summer season. If there is failure of compliance of the aforementioned, we immediately expect the Council to revoke the lease with forfeiture for the current lease-holder.”
- 23.4 Ms. Crook stated that she hoped the council would take action in support of the residents of Saltdean to ensure that the grade II\* listed building was protected.
- 23.5 Councillor Bowden noted the petition and thanked Ms. Crook for outlining the importance of the matter and the concern of residents and the various groups in wishing to ensure that the Lido was protected. He noted that in view of the Council's position and its relations with the lease-holder he had to be mindful of his response and stated that he would endeavour to ensure the council took the appropriate action to secure the Lido's future.
- 23.6 Councillor Mitchell that she wished to move an amendment on behalf of the Labour & Co-Operative Group to the report's recommendation. She believed that there was a need for a full report on the matter and that it should be brought to the next Cabinet Member Meeting.
- 23.7 Councillor Marsh formerly seconded the amendment.
- 23.8 Councillor Hyde stated that she supported the amendment and noted that there was universal opposition to the idea of the Lido being redeveloped for residential purposes.
- 23.9 Councillor Mears stated that there was a need to support the local community and to find a way of maintaining the lido as a facility for everyone in the city to enjoy. She hoped that progress could be made and resolution found that would protect the heritage of the lido.
- 23.10 Councillor Smith stated that he fully supported the petition and other residents' groups who were seeking to save the lido and hoped that the council would use all the avenues available to ensure it was kept for public enjoyment. It was an important resource for the city and had to be protected.
- 23.11 Councillor Bowden noted the comments and stated that he would take them on board, however he needed to be mindful of the legal position and therefore could not comment any further at this point. He was however, happy to accept the proposed amendment.
- 23.12 The Mayor then put the recommendations as amended to the vote which was carried.
- 23.13 **RESOLVED:**
- (1) That the petition be referred to the Culture, Recreation & Tourism Cabinet Member Meeting for consideration; and

- (2) That a full report setting out the following points be brought to the Culture, Recreation & Tourism Cabinet Member Meeting to accompany the e-petition:
- The key issues pertaining to this matter;
  - The options available to the council in relation to getting a resolution to the current impasse; and
  - Early actions that would facilitate the repair and refurbishment of Saltdean Lido which do not prejudice the position of the Saltdean Community Association.

