

Minutes of a meeting of the WINTER GARDENS COMMITTEE held at The Winter Gardens, Ventnor, IW on 7th January 2008.

Present: Councillor Mrs.M.Cawley Chairman  
Councillors C.J.Elvers, J.S.Fitzgerald-Bond, Mrs.B.Lawson, B.M.Lucas, R.J.Mew,  
S.B.Milford, M/s D.Robinson, Mrs.S.J.Scoccia and Mrs.V.Taylor.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor A.C.Bartlett.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th November 2007 were approved and signed.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

It was Resolved – That the public be excluded whilst the following matters were considered in view of the private and confidential nature of the information to be given.

4. REPORT OF FINANCIAL OFFICER

The written report of the Financial Officer was received.

5. STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS

The Chairman reported that in the light of developments following the resignation of the Manager a new staffing structure had been set up with the separation of the duties undertaken previously which would improve the efficiency of management the operation of the premises. She gave details to members which were approved.

As a result of this new management system it was apparent that the post of full time manager which had been advertised was not now appropriate but a part-time post of an officer to deal with bookings and administration would complete the necessary staffing structure.

It was agreed to advertise such a post and to inform persons who had made application for the earlier advertised post of the action now being taken.

6. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman reported upon the work now being undertaken by volunteers which was most helpful and enabling a better standard of service to be given and the Committee expressed their gratitude for this assistance.

Details were given of bookings for professional entertainment during the next ten months.

The Chairman said that she would be meeting the Property Services Manager of the IW Council later this week to discuss works which were urgently required to the fabric of The Winter Gardens. She had been trying for some months to arrange this meeting and thanked Councillor Mrs.Scoccia for her help in at last getting a positive reply.