

Minutes of a meeting of the WINTER GARDENS COMMITTEE held at The Winter Gardens, Ventnor, IW on 14th July 2008.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs.B.Lawson and Mrs.V.Taylor.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th June 2008 were approved and signed.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. REPORT OF CHAIRMAN

The Chairman circulated a programme of forthcoming events which had been designed by one of the volunteer helpers and was now available to the public. Councillor Mrs Cawley said that the help which was given by the volunteers was invaluable across a wide range of activities including the box office, distribution of posters and leaflets, answering telephone callers, providing and maintaining the floral decorations around the building and assisting in general administration all of which added up to many hours of work. The Committee expressed their appreciation to all those involved.

The Chairman said that there might be a possibility of purchasing PA equipment from a local person at a reasonable cost. Authority was given for this to be looked at and tested and if considered suitable to be purchased.

The Catering and Bar Service was doing well with growing use of the Riviera Bar.

4. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

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

5. REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL OFFICER

The report of the Financial Officer was received. Concern was expressed at the rising costs of heating and lighting. It was agreed that discussions be held with the Isle of Wight Council concerning the possibility of new equipment which would be much more efficient.

6. IW JAZZ FESTIVAL 2009

The Chairman made a further report upon her discussions with hirers of The Winter Gardens for this event in 2009 and gave details of the current financial position. She answered members's questions.

It was Resolved - That a booking for the use of The Winter Gardens for the IW Jazz Festival 2009 be now accepted.