

Minutes of the meeting of the Leisure and Environment Committee held on Thursday 16th July 2026 at 3.30pm at the Town Hall

Notes

Item	Subject	Details
1	Present	Cllrs: Miller, Wells, Hurr, Flunder, and Huggins and the Town Clerk. One member of the public.
2	Apologies and Declarations of Interest	Apologies from Cllr Goldsmith and N Jones.
3	Minutes of the previous meeting	To note the minutes of the previous meeting - notes from June 2026. Noted.
4	Standing Orders- public section.	Member of the public had volunteered to attend to provide some ideas for the North Parade project – design and examples shown to all. See attached for details. Thanks were extended to the member of the public for the great ideas included in the drawings. Discussion re the ideas provided – it was recognised that no budget had been identified and hence the ambitions of the ideas had not been quantified. It was recognised that the ground works being suggested could be costly to implement, in addition to the actual items being suggested. Way forward – more ideas to be gathered – from members of the community , visitors etc to ensure that any ideas can be considered. Information to be collected during the summer holidays – gazebo to be erected on North Parade on a date to be decided to ensure visitors can put forward ideas. Date to be circulated. Other stakeholders will then be asked for input – to include the school and local organisations. Ideas so far include, planting, sculpture, photo opportunity, bandstand, statues, old Dunkirk boats from harbour for children to explore, musical posts on railings, old bathing hut as an information place, pirate ship for children to climb, improved pathway through the gardens, more seating, plinths for temporary displays Funding for the scheme – the terms and conditions of various grants to be considered. ESC to also be approached for assistance in highlighting appropriate funding pots and the criteria required. Planting scheme – it is understood that Lowestoft Town Council has experienced problems with the planting which they installed along the seafront – contact to be made with LTC for lessons learnt. Felixstowe T C has had much success with their planting along the seafront and Felixstowe T C to be contacted for hints and tips. <i>Cllr Miller left the meeting</i>
5	Environmental matters –	<i>Landscape/ tourism Project along North Parade – update - including triangle by Marlborough Road – See above.</i> <i>Cliffs /prom – follow up meeting provisional date received TBC.</i> <i>Marshes meeting re SSSI – 18th June 1.30pm. V Good meeting held with all stakeholders involved in mgt of marshes with Natural England. Await action plan from N E due by end July 2026.</i> <i>Ferry Road garden – additional planting to be considered. With Cllr Goldsmith.</i>

6	Ongoing Leisure and Other matters	• Town Sign repairs – being painted. Await date for completion. • Play area updates – Tibbys and Klondyke works are up to date. Bike racks location being considered. Rabbit holes are being filled in with top soil. ESC carrying out pest control in all areas. • Community Self Help scheme – list of works required and then to set date • Wi fi and CCTV - Wifi improvements are taking place as per previous agreed minutes. CCTV upgrade has taken place on Mights Bridge as per previous minutes. Await response to grant application for Pier area. RNLI permission awaited for harbour area. • Box Up – monies received – research taking place on the options. It was suggested that a first aid kit be included. • 2nd TIC/ Digital Screen – map being approved for consideration. • Bus shelter – cleaning of . Discussion as to whether Community Self Help group could do this. Cllr Huggins offered to carry out the cleaning. • Tap by Pier lifeguard Hut – Cllr Hurr has requested this from ESC.
7	Finance – budget – quotes	• ESC Visitor Economy Support Scheme grant for project along North Parade – see above.
8	Events To consider	• Heritage Open Days – Sept 2026 - collaboration with the other towns is taking place and 3 local organisations are definitely taking part and will be in the brochure. • See previous minutes re additional staffing resource and possible funding source.
	Date of next meeting	10 th September at 3.30pm.

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