

**OLYMPICS WORKING GROUP held at COUNCIL OFFICES LONDON ROAD  
SAFFRON WALDEN at 6.30 pm on 16 APRIL 2012**

Present: Councillor M Lemon – Chairman.  
Councillors A Ketteridge, D Morson and J Rich.

Also present: Councillor H Rolfe and C Mummery (Artistic Manager for Sparks Will Fly). Councillor K Mackman was also present in an unofficial capacity.

Officers in attendance: G Bradley (Community Partnerships Manager);  
L Lipscombe (Emergency Planning Officer) and J Mitchell (Chief Executive).

**OWG43 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Davies, S Favell and E Oliver and C Wingfield, Museum Curator. There were no declarations of interest.

**OWG44 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Working Group held on 5 March 2012 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**OWG45 'SPARKS WILL FLY IN UTTLESFORD' – UPDATE**

An updated summary was circulated on progress to date. Good progress was being made with the event programme and sponsorship money was becoming available. All tickets for the Hylands Park community event had now been sold, although there would be tickets available for Uttlesford District Council Working Group.

Posters promoting the event were to be circulated at the Full Council meeting along with requests for more volunteer stewards.

The Working Group gave their appreciation with the progress made so far.

**OWG46 OLYMPIC TORCH**

An updated summary on progress with arrangements for the torch relay was circulated. It was reported that events were taking place in accordance with the action plan.

A discussion took place regarding stewarding issues. It was reported that barriers had been ordered for key locations along the route.

With regard to the wedding referred to at a previous meeting which would coincide with the torch relay, timings had been rearranged and this would mean that the wedding party would get a front row view of the procession.

It was reported that the Police were organising the general security of the event. Extra rubbish bins were being ordered for the common and other public areas. The Working Group again expressed the appreciation at the progress so far.

**OWG47      DIAMOND JUBILEE**

It was reported that nine beacons would be lit over the whole district and several District Councillors had utilised their NHB allowances to help fund local events.

**OWG48      OTHER MATTERS**

There was a discussion regarding the long term legacy and Councillor Rolfe raised the possibility of a swimming pool in Stansted. The Working Group discussed this option with interest.

**OWG49      DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting was arranged to be held on Thursday, 10 May 2012 at 6.00 pm.

The meeting ended at 7:30 pm.