



HUNSTANTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the General Purposes, Community & Environment (GP, C & E) Committee Held on Wednesday 13th October 2021 6pm in Council Chamber

Present: Cllrs; Croucher (Chair), Ruston, Winnington, Howard, Bishopp, Smith, Murray, Easeman, McKimm, Smith.

Cllrs Jamieson present, not on this committee, no voting rights.

Also Present: Town Clerk Jan Roomes
Administration Assistant Louise Parton

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence received from Cllr Kidd.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no members declarations of interest.

3. **Minutes - confirmation of**

The minutes of the General-Purpose Committee held on 8th September 2021 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

4. **Matters Arising**

Cllr Ruston advised he is writing up a review on the Community Fridge to be handed out for discussion. Cllr Winnington confirmed the AGM meeting for the HTC friendship group was held on the 8th October and went well.

5. **Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllrs Murray and Corby reported to two main issues with the Plan raised by the independent examiner were:

- I. Restrict developments to 50% of plot size
- II. New builds not to be used for second homes.

RECOMMENDATION: Cllr Ruston, seconded Cllr Corby (8 for, 2 against) amend plan in light of examiners report and submit.

6. **Environment**

Cllr Ruston advised a report had been released regarding E. coli in the wash, it was suggested HTC contacts Dave Robson at BC to find out more, Clerk to also contact West Norfolk Tourism Forum.

Cllr Easeman is on the Observatory committee and will give update at Full Council.

Cllr Croucher ask for an update on the solar bins and future plans for waste, Clerk to contact BCC Bower.

7. **Councillor Surgeries**

- i. Cllrs McKimm & Easeman gave the following report from the Councillor's Surgery held 4th October 2021: No one attended and it was felt it would be more useful to go out to the community rather than expect people to come to Council.
- ii. Members considered the viability of future Cllr surgeries and discussed other ideas that may encourage members of the public to bring questions to council: suggestion given were "ask your mayor" on Facebook and website, attend events, go into care homes. Clerk to approach hirers to see if they would like a councillor to attend.

8. **Queens Platinum Jubilee Meeting**

Cllr Winnington gave a report from the Town Queens Platinum Jubilee meeting held 4th October 2021 in Town Hall. This was a very productive meeting with lots of attendees, it was decided to put together a town events group, the next meeting is to be held 1st November.

9 **SNAP Meeting**

Cllr Murray was unable to get connected to the meeting but has seen the minutes and has nothing to report. The next meeting is to be held on the 12th January 2022 at Dersingham Village Hall.

10. **Disabled Access to Beach**

Cllr Croucher reported that she had spoken to BCC Morton and he has voiced concerns due to the extreme high and low tides we have in Hunstanton, there is also the health and safety issue of access from the promenade.

Old Hunstanton have recently purchased a disabled beach wheelchair. Cllr Ruston to investigate at the next OH parish council meeting.

11. **Committee Restructure**

Members considered the proposed restructure of council working panels & committees produced by Cllr Winnington.

RECOMMENDATION: Cllr Bishopp, seconded Cllr Jamieson (7 for, 3 abstentions) to accept Cllr Winnington's restructure proposal.

12. **Working Party/Task & Finish Group Meetings**

- i. There were no matter arising or proposals from the Community Engagement Working Panel meeting held 6th October 2021.
- ii. No other recent WP & T & F Group meetings had been held.

Meeting closed 7.30 pm