

HUNSTANTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Full Council held in the Town Hall on Wednesday

17th May at 6.50pm

This meeting followed on from the Annual Town Meeting

Present: Cllrs Ruston (Chair), Eden (Deputy Chair), Howard, Bishopp, Kidd, Corby, Croucher, Smith, Williamson, Easeman

Also Present: BCllrs Dickinson & Beal
Town Clerk Jan Roomes, Administration Officer Louise Parton
Members of Public x 3

This meeting was recorded by Cllr Corby.

1. Apologies

No apologies for absence, all members present.

2. Public Question Time

There were no members of public present.

3. Co-option

Members considered 2 qualifying applicants for Co-option on to Hunstanton Town Council Mr Jordan Cribb & Mr John White.

Cllr Williamson proposed Mr Cribb be Co-opted on to HTC, seconded Cllr Eden (unanimous), Cllr Cribb was Co-opted, invited to the table, and signed the members Declaration of Acceptance.

Cllr Bishopp proposed Mr White be Co-opted on to HTC, seconded Cllr Corby (unanimous), Cllr White was Co-opted, invited to the table, and signed the members Declaration of Acceptance.

4. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Kidd declared an interest in item 15.1.

5. Minutes – confirmation of

The minutes of the Full Council meeting held 26TH April 2023 were confirmed and signed as a true record. (Cllr Bishopp, seconded Cllr Smith 10 for 2 abstentions)

6. Police Report

No Police Officer present to give a report.

7. Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk

Cllr Dickinson gave a brief report due to be being newly elected and unsure of her full role until tomorrow's AGM at the BC. However, a priority is to start engaging with locals and working closely with HTC.

Cllr Beal thanked Cllr Howard for her time as Mayor and congratulated newly appointed Cllr Ruston and Cllr Eden. He plans to continue working on prom waste management and car parking within the town.

8. Norfolk County Council

No report was received from Norfolk County Councillor Andrew Jamieson.

9. Mayors Report

The Mayor asked Cllr Howard if she would like to say a few words. Cllr Howard thanked everyone for voting her in last year and congratulated Cllr Ruston and Cllr Eden on their new positions.

10. Accounts for Payment

- 10.1** Consideration and authorisation was given to payment of Schedules of Accounts for the Town Council No 24/02 TH & 24/02 CC. Copies circulated to members prior to the meeting. (Cllr Williamson, seconded Cllr Kidd unanimous).
- 10.2** Consideration and authorisation was given to payments on Schedule no.'s 24/02B. Copy circulated to members at meeting. (Cllr Smith, seconded Cllr Croucher unanimous)

11. Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2022/03

- 11.1** The Annual Internal Audit Report 2022/23 signed by the Internal Auditor was accepted. (Cllr Smith, seconded Cllr Croucher unanimous)
- 11.2** The Annual Governance Statement Report 2022/23 was accepted and signed. (Cllr Smith, seconded Cllr Kidd unanimous)
- 11.3** The Accounting Statements 2022/23 was accepted and signed. (Cllr Bishopp, seconded Cllr Williamson unanimous)

12. Planning

Councillor Kidd gave a report on current planning applications.

13. HAG Report

Cllr Howard gave the following brief report:

Hag meeting Thursday May 11th 6 pm

Attendees: Charles Meakin, Maureen Howard, Amanda Bosworth, Derek Lloyd, Mark Macary

Guest: Jo Bland- Head Hunstanton Primary School

No BC members attended, due to possible changes at BC,

1 member was unwell and 1 was attending a family funeral.

Due to a lack of quorum no official meeting was held.

Charles Meakin updated on the Lido and stated that talks are still ongoing.

Mark Mackay gave a short update on the market to say that the road closure is still being looked at and he is waiting for more information but thought the market would not be able to go ahead until July rather than June as originally hoped.

Jo Bland advised that Roger Partridge had spent some time with the school council, to get an idea of what the students would like to see in Hunstanton, and he went away with a long list of requests. a survey was going out to the parents for their views, this is being organised by the school.

14. White Lining

Members agreed unanimously not to proceed with this matter.

15. HTC Events

- 15.1 At the request of the Clerk, to hire the Community Centre (free) 9th September 2023 for a HTC Charity Music Festival to raise funds for the Breast Cancer Unit at QEH
RESOLVED (Cllr Bishopp seconded Cllr White, 11 for 1 abstention) Members agreed the Clerk, to hire the Community Centre (free) 9th September 2023 for a HTC Charity Music Festival to raise funds for the Breast Cancer Unit at QEH.
- 15.2i Members considered 1-day free venue hire to BC for puppet show in Town Hall
RESOLVED (Cllr White, seconded Cllr Smith, unanimous) 1-day free venue hire be given for a puppet show to be held as a joint event between HTC & BC.
- 15.2ii Members considered 1-day free venue hire of Town Hall to BC to run a Childrens' film over the Outdoor Cinema Weekend planned for August.
RESOLVED (Cllr White, seconded Cllr Smith, unanimous) 1-day free venue hire to BC to run a Childrens film.
- 15.3 Consideration was given to HTC no longer overseeing the Town Events Team and to open a HTC Events Committee to focus on events in HTC venues.
RESOLVED (Cllr Bishopp seconded Cllr White, unanimous) HTC to remove themselves from the Town Events Team after the Carnival and to focus on events in their own venues.

19.45pm Cllr Williamson was excused.

16. Youth/Schools

- 16.1** Consideration was given to inviting the Youth Council at Smithdon School to June 14th Environment Committee Meeting. Cllr Howard has contacted the school and is keen to oversee a project bringing the Youth Council and HTC together by having quarterly meetings.
- 16.2** Consideration was given to advertising for 2 Youth Members (aged 16-18) to join HTC to act as a link between HTC and the younger community.
- 16.3** Consideration was given to sponsoring Smithdon School with free venue hire for an Art Exhibition.
Items 16.1 16.2 and 16.3 were voted on as one.
RESOLVED (Cllr Croucher, seconded Cllr Kidd, unanimous).
- 16.4** Consideration was given to free venue hire of the Town Hall for the Scouts to have a one-night camp.
RESOLVED (Cllr Bishopp seconded Cllr White, unanimous) free venue hire be given to the Scouts to have a one-night camp.
- 16.5** Consideration was given to the request to help sponsor a local Sports event. Details circulated to members prior to meeting.
RESOLVED (Cllr Bishopp seconded Cllr Kidd, unanimous) HTC to sponsor the event donating £250.

17. Comment Boards

RESOLVED (Cllr Howard seconded Cllr Easeman, 8 for 3 against 1 abstention) comment boards to be erected in the Town Hall, Community Hub and the Community Centre at a maximum cost of £100.

18. Recreation Ground Playpark & Skateboard Ramp

Consideration was given to HTC / the Clerk liaising with Charles Meakin (HAG) to revisit the community's/visitors' views on replacement equipment playpark at the Recreation Ground and the demand for a Skate Ramp.

Clerk has had conversations with CM re this. CM been advised by BC CIL funding may be available for the Skate Ramp and CM advised Clerk 3/4 businesses may be interested in making financial donations.

RESOLVED (Cllr Corby, seconded Cllr Croucher 8 for 2 against 2 abstention) Clerk to liaise with CM, HTC to seek the views of the local community regarding the skate ramp and recreation play park.

19. King's Coronation Task & Finish Group

No recent meeting of the King's Coronation T & F Group had been held.

20. Town Events Committee

Members considered the following recommendation from the recent Town Events Committee Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION Cllr Bishopp, seconded Cllr Kidd unanimous to request funding from the Carnival budget of £3500 towards the stage lighting & road closure.

RESOLVED (unanimous) funding up to £3500 from the Carnival funds go towards stage lighting and road closures.

21. Allotments

21.1 Cllr Ruston reported the disabled toilet had been ordered and was due for delivery on the 2nd June, work should be complete shortly after. Great progress is being made on the disabled access plot.

21.2 Cllr Eden to investigate the fly tipping incident and report back.

22. Public Question Time

There were no public questions asked.

Meeting closed 20.15pm.