

HUNSTANTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Full Council held at
Hunstanton Community Centre on Wednesday 28th July 2021 at 6pm

Present: Cllrs: Winnington (Mayor), Ruston, Bishopp, Johnston, Smith, Jamieson, Easeman, McKimm,
Murray

Also Present: BCllr Graham Middleton (Deputy Leader BCKLWN)
Town Clerk Jan Roomes

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence received from Cllrs: Howard, Croucher, Corby, Kidd & BCllr Bower.

2. Public Question Time

No members of the public present.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no members' declarations of interest.

4. Minutes – confirmation of

The minutes of the Full Council meeting held 23rd June 2021 were confirmed and signed as a true record (Cllr Jamieson, seconded Cllr McKimm, 8 for, 1 abstention).

5. Matters Arising

The Mayor advised the letter to the Secretary of State for Health requesting the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in King's Lynn be included in the next round of funding had been sent to Matt Hancock the day before he resigned. A copy of the letter was sent to Sajid Javid upon his appointment as Secretary of State for Health.

6. Police Report

No Police Report received prior to the meeting.

Members raised concerns regarding the recent 'stabbing' incident in the town. Cllr Jamieson advised there had been an increase in family based arguments, self-harming incidents and eating problems due to the covid restrictions that had been in place over the past year. The Mayor advised he had received a complaint from a visitor to the area regarding dangerous weapons on sale in the town. Cllr Ruston reported cars racing about around the town and on the Clifftop carpark. Clerk to contact Police Officer's and discuss traffic issues.

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

BCllr Bower had sent through an update on questions raised to her at the previous meeting:

The bottle reverse vending machines are being looked in to but it is doubtful they will be in place this season.

There are 59 litter bins along the Promenade and the emphasis is on people using them.

BCllr Bower asked if members know of a particular blank spot, to let her know.

The Mayor welcomed BCllr Middleton to the meeting.

Cllr Middleton reported:

He had been a Cllr at the BC for 6 years & a Cllr at NCC for 4 years.

It is important to see Hunstanton thrive and will be looking at securing funding for the town through the Levelling Up Fund to improve leisure facilities.

Important for HTC, BC & NCC to work together and to continue having positive meetings between leaders of councils.

Plans to re-energise the Coastal Community Team (CCT) are currently being discussed.

It is important for the BC to consider and work with the Hunstanton Community more.

8. Norfolk County Council

Norfolk County Councillor Andrew Jamieson reported;

It is important to rejuvenate & re-direct the CCT to have shovel ready projects in place for funding as grants are announced and released. Areas especially for consideration are Oasis and the Promenade.

Speed limits, Park & Ride, inland flooding and cycleway's are priority.

9. Mayors Report

The Mayor gave the following report:

Not many mayoral engagements this month. However, I was pleased to be able to join the King's Lynn Samaritans on the last leg of their Samarathon Walk. I joined the walkers at Ringstead where they arrived having walked the Peddars Way from Swaffham. The final leg took us through Ringstead Downs, past Smithdon School with a finish on the Prom next to Oasis. Well done to all those who took part to raise money for the very important service which the Samaritans provide, even more important during the recent long periods of isolation and loneliness for many people.

I have been pleased to see so many people enjoying their visits to Hunstanton; seeing families with their youngsters brings back memories of when we used to have holidays here with our own children. The visitors support many of our businesses in town and make it a vibrant place to be in the summer. It is hoped that by working with the Borough Council and local businesses we will be able to make Hunstanton more of an all-year-round destination.

We have been welcoming groups back to the Community Centre and they have all been pleased with the work which has gone on there during the periods of lockdown. The work at the Town Hall is nearing completion and we hope that very soon we will be able to start confirming bookings from groups or individuals. On Wednesday 1st September we are holding a Community Event in the refurbished Town Hall. It will be open from 2.00 till 7.00pm for anyone to call in, have a tea or coffee and cake, and look at the new facilities. A number of town groups and businesses will also have information stands. There will be an official re-opening of the Town Hall at 4.00pm.

10. Accounts for Payment

The payment of Schedules of Accounts for the Town Council No 21/04 were consider and authorised for payment (Cllr Bishopp, seconded Cllr Smith, unanimous).

Revised copy on table for members.

11. Committee & Task & Finish Groups Recommendations

General Purposes, Community & Environment Committee meeting held 14th July 2021.

RESOLVED (Cllr Murray seconded Cllr Jamieson, unanimous) the HTC Friendship Group Constitution be accepted.

Finance & Property Management Committee meeting held 14th July 2021

RESOLVED (Cllr Jamieson, seconded Cllr McKimm, unanimous) the Donation & Grant Policy beaccepted.

12. Working Panels & Task & Finish Groups

Neighbourhood Plan WP

Cllr Murray advised a detailed letter had been sent to BC answering the questions raised regarding the Neighbourhood Plan. The Mayor thanked Cllr Murray for all the hard work he had put in to get the NP through to the next stage.

13. BC & HTC Forum Meeting

Members received a copy of the notes from the recent BC & HTC Forum meeting.

No questions asked by members.

14. Committees, Working Panels & Task & Finish Groups

Members agreed unanimous to Cllr Easeman's request to be the HTC representative for the newly formed Observatory Steering Group and Cllr Corby to be the NALC representative for HTC.

15. Quorum of committees

RECOMMENDATION Motion to vary Standing Order 16.8 (Cllr Bishopp, seconded Cllr Jamieson, unanimous).

RESOLVED Motion to vary Standing Order 16.8;

Existing: "Unless ordered by Council the quorum of a Committee shall be a minimum of 7 (seven) councillors."

Proposed: "Unless ordered by Council the quorum of a Committee shall be half (rounded up to the next whole number) of its members or 3 (three) whichever is greater."

The existing Standing Order needs to be changed to accommodate committees with small number of members.

16. Venue Hire Post 19th July 2021

The Clerk advised venue hirers are now returning to the Community Centre.

RECOMMENDATION (Cllr Ruston, seconded Cllr Murray) restrictions be lifted on numbers attending events/groups and to revert back to pre covid figures.

RESOLVED (unanimous) restrictions be lifted on numbers attending events/groups and to revert back to pre covid figures.

17. Planning

There were no planning matters to be discussed.

18. Correspondence

All miscellaneous correspondence now circulated to members as received.

19. Public Question Time

No members of the public present.

20. Request Members of Public Leave Meeting

This agenda item was removed due to no members of the public present.

21. Confidential Issue

Two matters were discussed. No actions to be taken.

Meeting closed 8.20 pm