



HUNSTANTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a virtual Zoom meeting of the General Purposes, Community & Environment (GP, C & E) Committee Held on Wednesday 9th June 2021 6.09 pm

Present: Cllrs; Winnington (Chair), Howard, Ruston, Knight, Easeman, Corby, Kidd, Smith, Murray.

Also Present: Cllr Jamieson (not on this committee)

Town Clerk Jan Roomes

Members of the public x 2

1. Apologies & Acceptance of reason for Absence

Apologies of absence received from Cllrs Bishopp, Croucher & McKimm.

Apologies also received from BCllr Bower.

BCllr Stuart Dark & BCllr Beal were invited to the meeting but had prior commitments.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Deputy Chair

Cllr Ruston suggested Cllr Bishopp, Cllr Murray proposed Cllr Knight, Cllr Knight thanked Cllr Murray but declined.

Cllr Bishopp was elected Chair of General Purposes, Community & Environment Committee for 2021/22. Proposed Cllr Kidd, seconded Cllr Jamieson (unanimous).

4. Minutes - confirmation of

The minutes of the General-Purpose Committee held on 12th May 2021 were confirmed and signed as a true copy (8 for, 1 abstention).

5. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held 12th May 2021.

6. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Corby reported:

The Consultation finished 25th May 2021, lots of feedback received.

NP WP Meeting was held 8th June, minutes to be forwarded to members.

Now awaiting examiners remarks, then HTC to respond.

It was noted some comments were not reported at Reg 14 stage but made at Reg 16 stage, had these comments been made earlier HTC could have addressed them before going to Consultation.

NP meeting to be called once examiners report is received.

7. Working Panels & Task & Finish Groups

No meeting's had been held.

8. Environment

Cllr Knight gave the following update:

Community Fridge

A soft launch of the Community Fridge (CF) had taken place earlier in the day with the volunteers.

Kemps have kindly offered £20 of fresh fruit and vegetables per week.

The Food Bank have generously given tins and pasta.

Co-Op Snettisham on board, Clerk currently collecting of an evening 3 times a week.

In talks with Tesco's Hunstanton, Sainsbury's at Hardwick are on board, Sainsbury's Hunstanton have a 'partner' unfortunately.

Cllr Kidd suggested contacting local farms for produce.

The allotments holders have offered to supply surplus vegetables

Volunteers required to collect supplies from stores.

Main launch proposed for 23rd June 1pm, invitations to go out (restricted to maximum 30 people due to Covid restrictions).

Cllr Knight thanked the Clerk and Property Officer for their assistance.

Cllr Ruston to pass on information from Lidl to Cllr Knight.

Drove Orchards have offered to supply apples.

Litter on beach

Concerns raised by members of the public regarding the increased litter on beaches and a rise in the number of nappies being left lying around.

Beach cleans by various groups were taking place.

Cllr Winnington stated that at Holme Dunes there were no bins and no litter, people were taking their rubbish home with them.

Cllr Murray suggested 'on the spot fines'.

Water Quality

Further to an article in a local newspaper last week regarding the water quality in Hunstanton it was suggested a letter to be sent to BC for a report.

9. New Hospital King's Lynn

Members discussed supporting the drive for a new hospital in King's Lynn.

RECOMMENDATION Cllr Winnington seconded Cllr Murray (unanimous) a letter be sent to the Secretary of State for Health requesting the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in King's Lynn be included in the next round of funding

10. BC & HTC Forum Meeting

An introductory meeting had been held with the new Leader of BCKLWN Cllr Stuart Dark, Cllr Winnington as Chairman, Cllr Howard as Deputy Chair and the Clerk at the Community Centre.

The following matters were discussed;

Freehold of the Community Centre – Cllr Dark agreed it had been going on too long and wanted it actioned.

Traffic management plan whilst the building work is undertaken at the Library and **bus stops** should be in place before the work commences.

Sheepfield housing should have gone ahead before other 2 plans were passed.

Discussions to continue between BC & HTC regarding the **Recreation Ground**.

Information to be shared with HTC of **any events** planned in the town to prevent clashes with anything HTC wishes to be involved with.

Visitors' rubbish, Clerk asked if BC would allow the 'Crabby Posters' to go in all bins around town?

The need for **boat ramp access** to the sea for Sailing Club

Community Fund – a meeting was to be held with BC & Downham Market to discuss funding opportunities.

Cllr Dark commented how important it is for BC & HTC to work together and would report back on the above issues.

11. Town Hall Maintenance & Development Group

Cllr Winnington gave an update on the Town Hall repairs & renovations;

Work was progressing quickly in the hall, the bar had been installed, plasterers and painters were due in the next few days. The stage had been completed with new vinyl flooring.

Works to the roof had not commenced as yet, Cllr Ruston had chased up.

Whilst so much work was being carried out Cllr Winnington suggested the heaters needed addressing in the Town Hall.

RECOMMENDATION Cllr Winnington, seconded Cllr Ruston (unanimous) replacement heaters be installed in the Town Hall at an approximate cost of £6,500.00 + vat.

12. Residents' Parking

Cllr Winnington reported he had received parking complaints from residents.

Residents' parking to be an agenda item at the next Highways & Byways Working Panel meeting.

Meeting closed 7.15pm