

SUDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM, TOWN HALL, SUDBURY ON WEDNESDAY 21ST MARCH 2018 AT 7.00 PM

The meeting was preceded by an exhibition of services provided by the Town Council and partner organisations with informal discussions regarding all aspects of council work.

Organisations represented included:

County, District and Town Councillors
The Advice Centre
Sudbury Library
Community Wardens
Suffolk Constabulary
Suffolk Housing
Sudbury Ephemera Group

The main business of the meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

Present: The Deputy Mayor of Sudbury, Mrs S Ayres in the CHAIR

Mrs J Howells	Town Clerk
Mrs J Budd	Assistant Town Clerk
Mrs J Osborne	District Councillor
Mr J Owen	County Councillor
PC S Bourne	Suffolk Police

Town Councillors
Local Government Electors

1. MINUTES

The Minutes of the last Town Meeting held on 12th April 2017 were taken as read, confirmed, signed and ADOPTED.

2. TOWN MATTERS

The Deputy Mayor, Mrs Ayres, gave a report on town matters. The following comments were made:

- The Mayor has been through a challenging year with her health. All those at the meeting wished her well.
- The Mayor has attended as many functions as she can, however the Deputy Mayor has deputised to ensure the Town is represented all over the district.
- In September last year, the new 'Customer Access Point' was opened in the Town Hall. Staff are able to provide a wider service on all Council matters.
- The Heritage Centre is now up and running in its new location in the Town Hall. The Centre is run completely by volunteers and is now open on a Saturday morning.
- On the 21st June 2018, Sudbury is hosting the second Suffolk Day. This is run in conjunction with BBC Radio Suffolk, who will broadcast live from Sudbury. Dignitaries from all over Suffolk will be invited.

- Exciting times for Gainsborough's House with their proposed multi-million pound expansion looking set to be approved.
- Huge thanks to the Community Wardens who worked tirelessly at the three litter picks held last week. A special thanks was given to Mr Greg Bishop who now runs a 'Sunday Litter Pickers' group. Search their Facebook page to discover each week the areas they are targeting.
- The Town Council have launched a campaign for 5500 knitted/crocheted poppies to cascade down the side of the tower of St. Peter's. This is to commemorate 100 years since the end of WW1. Patterns can be downloaded from the Town Council's website or collected from the office.

3. POLICE REPORT

Pc Simon Bourne attended the meeting and gave an update on general policing matters. Discussions included the concern over illegal parking, drugs, theft and CCTV in the Town.

The Town Clerk advised she had received confirmation that the CCTV will continue to be monitored at Sudbury Police Station, by volunteers until March 2019.

RESOLVED

That Sudbury Town Council make strong representation to Suffolk Police on the importance of CCTV being monitored locally, by local volunteers. That Sudbury Town Council obtain evidence to support this to enable a strong case to be built.

4. COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Suffolk County Councillor Mr J Owen read out his report. A copy of his report is shown at minute page 4. Councillor Mr C Spence was unable to attend the meeting but did send a report. A copy of this is shown at minute page 6.

RESOLVED

That Mr Owen and Mr Spence be THANKED and their reports NOTED

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Mrs J Osborne presented the District Councillor's report. A copy of the report is shown at minute page 10.

RESOLVED

That Mrs Osborne be THANKED for attending the meeting and her report NOTED.

6. SUDBURY MUNICIPAL CHARITY ACCOUNTS

The accounts of Sudbury Municipal Charities were distributed to those present at the meeting. A copy of the accounts is shown at minute page 13.

RESOLVED

That the contents of the report be NOTED.

7. TO DISCUSS TOWN AFFAIRS

A discussion followed with members of the public.

See item 3 for details of the resolution made.

There being no other matters proposed for discussion the business of the meeting was concluded at 8.45pm

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Chairman