

## **SUDBURY TOWN COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM, TOWN HALL, SUDBURY ON WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021 AT 7.00 PM**

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

Mr C Griffin	Town Clerk
Mrs J Budd	Deputy Town Clerk
Mr P Faircloth-Mutton	County Councillor

6 Town Councillors

3 members of public in the Assembly Room, 13 people watching online.

#### 1. MINUTES

**That the Minutes of the last Town Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019 were taken as read, confirmed, signed and ADOPTED.**

#### 2. TOWN MATTERS

Councillor J Owen had stepped down from his role as Mayor of Sudbury on the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021. He gave a report on Town Council matters for the past year.

A copy of the report is shown at minute page **XXX**.

General discussion related to the ongoing issues surrounding the future of Belle Vue House and the importance of bridges being rebuilt between the Town Council and the District Council. The Town Council needed to be heard and listened to.

It was recognised that the public would be able to give their opinions on Belle Vue House once a full planning application had been received, however it was hoped that the developer may give some indication of the plans before this stage.

#### **RESOLVED**

**That Councillor J Owen be thanked for his report and his commitment to the Town during his time as Mayor.**

#### 3. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor J Owen had not stood for re-election as a County Councillor, however he did give a 'final' report on his period representing Sudbury. A copy of this is shown at minute page **XX**.

Newly elected Councillor for Sudbury East and Great Waldingfield, Mr Philip Faircloth-Mutton attended the meeting and gave a report. A copy of the report is shown at minute page **XXX**.

County Councillor Faircloth-Mutton stated that he was keen to work closely with the Town Council. This could be through a task group meeting quarterly.

General discussions were had regarding various County issues.

**RESOLVED**

**That Mr J Owen be thanked for his last report as a County Councillor and for his work over the past 4 years.**

**Mr Faircloth-Mutton was welcomed to the meeting and thanked for his report. The Town Council look forward to working with him and fellow new County Councillor Jessie Carter.**

**Thanks were also given to the Town Clerk over the way he has dealt with the COVID 19 situation in Sudbury.**

4. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

The Mayor of Sudbury, Councillor Mrs Ayres gave a brief District Council report. A copy of this is shown at minute page XXX.

**RESOLVED**

**That Councillor Mrs Ayres be thanked for her report.**

5. 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 XXX.

**RESOLVED**

**That the contents of the report be NOTED.**

6. POLICE REPORT

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the new locality inspector covering Sudbury, Matt Paisley was unable to attend the meeting. The Town Clerk read out a statement on his behalf.

A copy of the statement is shown at minute page XXX.

With regards to the issue of County Lines, members of the public were advised to keep reporting anything suspicious, as the police rely on local intelligence.

**RESOLVED**

**That Inspector Paisley be thanked for his report.**

7. SUDBURY VISION STEERING GROUP

The Town Council's representative on the Steering Group, Councillor Ms Murphy advised members that there was nothing to report.

The Town Clerk was currently in discussion with the Chief Executive at Babergh District Council over options to develop an effective forum for exchanging views on the future of Sudbury. It was felt that to enable the Town and District Councils to build bridges, the Sudbury Vision Steering Group needed to change the way it currently worked.

**RESOLVED**

**That Councillor Ms Murphy and the Town Clerk be thanked for their reports.**

8. TOWN MATTERS

No other matters were discussed.

There being no other matters proposed for discussion the business of the meeting was concluded at 8.23 pm

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Chairman