

## **SUDBURY TOWN COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM, TOWN HALL, SUDBURY ON WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019 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:

The Advice Centre  
Sudbury Library  
Tourist Information Centre  
Community Wardens  
Sudbury Ephemera Group

The main business of the meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

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

Mr J Ward	Leader, Babergh District Council
Mrs J Osborne	Deputy Leader, Babergh District Council
Mrs J Howells	Town Clerk
Mr J Owen	County Councillor
Pc S Bourne	Suffolk Constabulary
Pc J Gerrish	Community Engagement Officer – Suffolk Constabulary

Town Councillors  
105 members of public

#### **1. MINUTES**

The Town Clerk advised the meeting that under item 3 – Police matters, the wording was incorrect. At an Annual Town meeting a resolution cannot be made at that meeting, but a request can be made to the Town Council to follow it up.

**Subject to the amendment above, the Minutes of the last Town Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018 were taken as read, confirmed, signed and ADOPTED.**

#### **2. PROPOSALS FOR BELLE VUE PARK**

The Leader of Babergh District Council, Councillor John Ward, attended the meeting to inform the public of the proposals Babergh have for the derelict parts of Belle Vue Park.

Babergh are proposing to build a budget hotel and restaurant on the site of the previous swimming pool, toilet block and the redundant concrete land. Belle Vue House and Gardens, the new multi-use games area and the new Skate/BMX Park are not included in these proposals.

Members of the public asked various questions regarding pedestrian access, whether the highway junction would be improved, why were Babergh paying for the hotel to be built, why did the development have to be at the park, what would the house be used for?

#### **RESOLVED**

**That Mr Ward be THANKED for attending the meeting and his report be NOTED.**

3. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

The Mayor, Mrs Ayres gave the District Councillors report. A copy of this report is shown at minute page 3

**RESOLVED**

**That Mrs Ayres be THANKED for attending and the contents of her report NOTED.**

4. POLICE REPORT

Pc Simon Bourne and Pc John Gerrish attended the meeting and took questions from the public. General discussion related to the ongoing issue of parking. Pc Bourne advised that unfortunately they have to prioritise their work load and parking is quite low down, however just recently 10 parking tickets have been issued in one area in the town where illegal parking is frequent.

Pc Gerrish advised that they are always looking for volunteers to assist them. This includes the monitoring of CCTV cameras. More volunteers would enable cameras to be monitored for longer hours.

**RESOLVED**

**That Pc Bourne and Pc Gerrish be THANKED for attending and answering questions.**

5. COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

A report was received from Suffolk County Councillor Mr J Owen. A copy of the report shown at minute page 4. Unfortunately County Councillor Mr C Spence was unable to attend, however a copy of his report is shown at page 6.

**RESOLVED**

**That Mr Owen and Mr Spence be THANKED and their reports and the content 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. TOWN MATTERS

The Mayor, Mrs Ayres, gave a report on town matters. A copy of this report is shown at minute pages 16.

**That Mrs Ayres be THANKED for attending and the contents of her report NOTED.**

There being no other matters proposed for discussion the business of the meeting was concluded at 9.25pm

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Chairman