

SUDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SUDBURY TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM, TOWN HALL, SUDBURY ON TUESDAY 8TH MAY 2018 AT 7.00PM

Present: The Mayor, Mrs S Page in the CHAIR.

Council	Mrs J Antill	Mr S Hall
	Mrs S Ayres	Mr N Irwin
	Mr S Barrett	Mr A Osborne
	Mr N Bennett	Mrs J Osborne
	Mr S Clarke	Mr J Owen
	Mr L Cresswell	Mr R Spivey
	Mrs J Howells	Town Clerk
	Mrs J Budd	Assistant Town Clerk
	Mrs T Elford	Mayor's Secretary
	Mr C Spence	Suffolk County Councillor
	Inspector D Cooper	Suffolk Constabulary

A short prayer was said by Maggie Cogan, Lay Reader at St Gregory's Church before commencement of the meeting.

1 ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR FOR THE MAYORAL YEAR 2018/2019

It was PROPOSED by Councillor J Owen and SECONDED by Councillor S Hall that Councillor Mrs S Ayres be elected Town Mayor for the ensuing Mayoral year.

There being no other nominations the motion was then put forward.

It was RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs S Ayres be elected Town Mayor for the ensuing Mayoral year.

The Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs S Ayres then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Town Mayor and took the CHAIR.

2 ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR FOR THE MAYORAL YEAR 2018/2019

It was PROPOSED by Councillor S Barrett and SECONDED by Councillor N Bennett that Councillor R Spivey be elected Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing Mayoral year.

It was unanimously RESOLVED that Councillor R Spivey be elected Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing Mayoral year.

The Deputy Mayor then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Deputy Town Mayor.

3 VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR

The Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs S Ayres moved a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor, Councillor Mrs S Page and presented her with a personalised framed Coat of Arms.

4 REPLY TO THE VOTE OF THANKS

Councillor Page replied to the vote of thanks. She thanked her fellow councillors for their support through an enjoyable but challenging year. She also thanked the Town Clerk and council staff for their help and support throughout the year.

5 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Drury and J Sayers.

6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with guidance from Babergh District Council's Standards Committee, Messrs Barrett, Cresswell and Osborne and Mrs Ayres and Mrs Osborne declared that they are Babergh District Councillors; Mr J Owen declared that he is a Suffolk County Councillor. All of these members also asked that it be noted that their views expressed at this meeting would be based on information available at the time and might not be the same as those expressed at meetings involving other councils.

7 DECLARATIONS OF GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY

No declarations of gifts or hospitality were declared.

8 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

No requests had been received.

9 MINUTES**RESOLVED**

That with the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10th April 2018 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

10 REPORTSa) **County Councillor Report**

Mr Colin Spence congratulated Mrs Ayres and Mr Spivey, on their appointments as Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor respectively. He also congratulated Mrs Page on her excellent year as Town Mayor.

Mr Spence advised members that there were various items being discussed by County Council, none of which could be commented on at the moment.

A copy of Councillor Owen's report is shown at minute page 248.

RESOLVED

That Mr Spence and Mr Owen be THANKED for their reports.

b) **District Councillors report** – Mr Osborne gave the report. A copy of this is shown at minute page 250.

Members requested an update on the machines in the car park. These are frequently out of order. Councillor Osborne advised that there was still an issue with the machines in the Kingfisher/Station Car Park. A member of public is jamming the machines meaning you put your money in but cannot get a ticket out or your money refunded. Unfortunately this person has not yet been caught. Babergh are working with the police to try rectify this problem.

With regards to the non paying car parks, there had been an issue with the ordering of the ticket rolls. This has been sorted. Councillor Osborne assured members that the public were not issued with parking fines during this time.

Councillor Mrs Osborne updated members on the proposed BMX/Skate park. It had been decided that as the park is booked and very popular during the summer, it would not be possible for this equipment to be installed beforehand. Babergh are currently going out to Tender to appoint a contractor to carry out the work. It is hoped work will commence during September/October depending on the weather. The park will need to be completely closed to the public for the duration of the work. Councillor Osborne praised the work of the User group

RESOLVED

That Mr Osborne be THANKED for his report and the contents NOTED.

c) Policing Issues

Inspector D Cooper congratulated Mrs Ayres and Mr Spivey, on their appointments as Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor respectively.

Members were advised that there is an issue of drugs in the Town. The Police do their utmost to try and reduce the problem. They do rely heavily on public intelligence. Arrests have taken place over the last two weeks including a street stop arrest. County lines is also an issue. This is when dealers come across from a different county to deal. Suffolk Police are working closely with neighbouring authorities.

The theft of tools from transit vans is a county wide problem. A large seize of tools was recently recovered however these incidents are still taking place. Again the Police rely on public intelligence to help catch this individuals.

Following on from the bomb hoax in the town centre in January, members were advised that a person was arrested and has been charged. He is due at Crown Court in June. Inspector Cooper thanked everyone involved and for the publics patience during the incident. Special thanks was given to the Town Council who assisted with emergency road closures. Members were advised that a press release in June will give the true facts as to why the police reacted as they did.

RESOLVED

That Inspector Cooper be thanked for attending the meeting.

Councillor Barrett personally thanked the response of the local police following an attempted break in at his business premises.

d) Public Forum

At 7.45pm members of the public were invited to ask questions pertaining to Sudbury. The meeting resumed at 7.47pm.

11 TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES

Planning & Development
9th April 2018

It was RESOLVED to ADOPT the REPORT

Planning & Development
23rd April 2018

It was RESOLVED to ADOPT the REPORT

The Chairman of the Policy & Resources committee advised that the committee had been working on the aspirations of Sudbury Town Council. The Policy meetings now commenced at 6.30pm to enable all Councillors to attend and be involved. A date for an 'away day' is also being arranged. The committee is continuing with creating a business plan to enable the council to obtain 'quality' status.

Policy & Resources
17th April 2018

It was RESOLVED to ADOPT the REPORT

The Chairman of the Leisure, Environment & Highways committee advised that discussions had been held on ways in which the town council could monitor/limit the amount of visitors that attended the Delphi Firework display. It was agreed that charging a fee was not an option. The Events Co-ordinator is to attend a Safety Advisory Group meeting at Babergh to obtain some advice.

A 10k New Year Day Dash has been proposed. This is a 10k trial run along the Valley Walk.

The organisers of the 'Pub Crawl' attended the meeting. The Chairman advised that it was felt this was an extremely beneficial event for Sudbury. It promoted the history and heritage of the Town. Calling it a Pub Crawl was maybe not the best idea. The organisers were advised that should they want to use the Town Crest again, permission must be sought from the town council before use.

Leisure, Environment & Highways
24th April 2018

It was RESOLVED to ADOPT the REPORT

The Chairman of the Finance committee advised that discussions were held over future funding from Babergh towards the Tourist Information Centre. Babergh District Councillors were asked to request that notification for funding for 2019/2020 be advised as soon as possible.

Finance
1st May 2018

It was RESOLVED to ADOPT the REPORT

12 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE

- a. To review the Annual Governance statement

RESOLVED

Members approved and adopted the annual governance statement for 2017/2018.

- b. To review internal control conduct document

RESOLVED

Members approved and adopted the internal control conduct document.

- c. Terms of reference for internal audit service

RESOLVED

Members approved and adopted the terms of reference for internal audit service.

13 NEW PAY RATE SCALES

Members were requested to approve the new pay rate scales as recommended by SALC and NALC.
A copy of the new rates are shown at minute 251.

RESOLVED

That the new pay rate scales be approved and adopted.

The business of the meeting was concluded at 8.06pm.

Chairman.....