

SUDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF SUDBURY TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM, TOWN HALL, SUDBURY ON TUESDAY 10TH APRIL 2018 AT 7.00PM

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

Mrs J Antill	Mr A Osborne
Mr S Barrett	Mrs J Osborne
Mr N Bennett	Mr J Owen
Mr L Cresswell	Mr J Sayers
Mr R Drury	Mr R Spivey
Mr S Hall	

Mrs J Howells	Town Clerk
Mrs J Budd	Assistant Town Clerk

4 members of public

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from the Mayor, Mrs S Page, Mr S Clarke, Mr N Irwin and County Councillor Mr C Spence.

Miss J Connah was absent but no apologies were received.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with guidance from Babergh District Council's Standards Committee, Mrs Ayres, Mr Barrett, Mr Cresswell, Mr Osborne and Mrs Osborne declared that they are Babergh District Councillors. Mr Owen declared that he is a County Councillor. All of these members 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.

Mrs Antill, Mrs Ayres and Mr Owen declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 8.

3 DECLARATIONS OF GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY

No declarations were received.

4 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

No requests for dispensation had been received.

5 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 13th March 2018 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

6 REPORTS**a) County Councillor Report**

Councillor Owen gave a report. A copy of this report is shown on minute page 197.

Members made the following comments:

- A sum of money was allocated a few years ago in the Local Transport action plan – what amount is left? Members were keen for this money not to be used to upgrade the road junctions within the Chilton Woods development.
- Is there still ‘a line’ within Counties Capital budget for the Bus Station?
- As stated last month, Suffolk County Council will be undertaking a thorough public consultation on the proposed relief road later this year. Feedback will be required from local residents during public engagement events they propose to hold across the community.

RESOLVED

That Councillor Owen be thanked for submitting a report.

That Councillor Owen will strive to find answers to the questions above.

- b) **District Councillors report** – Mrs Osborne gave the report. A copy of this is shown at minute page 198.

Members made the following comments:

- The ticket machines in the car parks are often out of order meaning people have to walk across to the other side of the car park to find a machine that is working. Councillor Osborne advised that with regards to the machines that take money, a member of the public is going around the machines and blocking them. When people put in their money they do not receive a ticket. The assailant then returns to the machine and collects the money. The Police and Babergh are currently working together to stop this. With regards to the other machines, Councillor Osborne will investigate why they are out of action so frequently.
- Councillor Sayers asked about the installation of a Table Tennis table in Belle View Park. Councillor Osborne confirmed that within the new multi-sports area being installed, a table tennis table has been requested.
- How were Babergh now going to be financially if a merger is not happening at the moment? Councillor Osborne advised that this was now a big challenge. Babergh still needed to ‘balance the books’ whilst protecting the services they provide.
- The Eden’s project in Sudbury are currently trying to raise £180,000 to purchase the building the youth club runs from. Could Babergh help with this? Councillors Osborne advised that she did not believe the Eden’s project had contacted Babergh requesting financial help and suggested that they do this urgently. Councillor Cresswell will pass this information onto them.

RESOLVED

That Councillor Osborne be thanked for her report and the contents NOTED.

c) Policing Issues

Councillor Jan Osborne advised members that at the Annual Town Meeting she put forward a motion 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. This motion needs to be ratified by the full council.

RESOLVED

That the motion be placed on the agenda for the June meeting of the Council.

d) Public Forum

At 7.40pm members of the public were invited to ask questions pertaining to Sudbury. The meeting resumed at 7.46pm.

7 TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:

Planning & Development
12th March 2018

It was RESOLVED to ADOPT the REPORT

Planning & Development
26th March 2018

It was RESOLVED to ADOPT the REPORT

The Chairman advised that a very useful meeting had taken yesterday with Mr P Gant from Suffolk County Council highways to try and reduce the amount of issues currently on our list. Members were advised that the Market Manager had attended the meeting to discuss with members different ways in which the Council could help and support the traders, this included removing the additional payment they make which entitles them to two weeks off. It was agreed that the amount of money the Council will lose from this should be detailed within the minutes.

Leisure, Environment & Highways
27th February 2018

**Subject to the amendment detailed above
it was RESOLVED to ADOPT the REPORT**

The Chairman of the Finance committee advised that new quotations for Emergency lighting and washroom services will save the Council a lot of money. The committee approved four grant applications with Gainsborough's House being discussed at item 8.

Finance
3rd April 2018

It was RESOLVED to ADOPT the REPORT

8 GAINSBOROUGH'S HOUSE GRANT AID APPLICATION

The chairman of finance advised that this request had to be brought to full council because of the amount requested being £6500.

Members were advised that this money is their annual revenue grant and is not linked to the funds they are required to raise for their extension.

RESOLVED

Members under General Power of Competence approve a grant in the sum of £6500 to support activities of the organisation.

9 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

A letter received from James Cartlidge MP was discussed. Members were invited to attend a meeting regarding housing development in South Suffolk and focussing specifically on the importance of constructing Neighbourhood Plans.

RESOLVED

That Sudbury Town Council fully support the efforts of Mr Cartlidge to encourage parishes to develop Neighbourhood plans in order to protect our countryside from speculative developments, however due to the size of Sudbury and its make up of three different wards, it was felt that one neighbourhood plan for the whole area would be impractical.

10 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to the Mayor being absent no report was available.

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC (WHICH TERM INCLUDES THE PRESS)

That pursuant to Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the business specified in item 16 on the grounds that if the public were present during this item, it is likely that there would be disclosure to them of exempt information.

11 TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:

A private and confidential report is shown at minute page 200.

Human Resources
21st March 2018

It was RESOLVED to ADOPT the REPORT

The business of the meeting was concluded at 8.15 pm

Chairman.....