

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CROMER TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, NORTH LODGE PARK ON 28 OCTOBER 2013**

PRESENT

Mayor Cllr. D. Pritchard, Deputy Mayor Cllr. D. Airs,
Cllr. T. Adams, Cllr. T. Bartlett, Cllr. J. Bond, Cllr. H. Cox, Cllr. J. Frostdick,
Cllr. J. Hamilton-Emery, Cllr. G. Hayman, Cllr. A. Nash, Cllr. Y. Nolan, Cllr. Saunders,
Cllr. G. Smith, Cllr. A. Yiasimi

Mrs. J. Chance (Town Clerk), Mrs. J. Warner (Deputy Town Clerk)

District Cllr. J. Lee
Reporter S. Downes, P.C.S.O. Roberts
M. Whitmore, NNDC
7 members of the public

1. **MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 09 SEPTEMBER 2013**

It was unanimously **AGREED** that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 09 September 2013 be **APPROVED**. The minutes were signed by the Mayor.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

Members declared interests as follows:

Cllr. T. Bartlett – Cromer Preservation Society.

It was noted that declaration forms would be completed by all members declaring an interest.

3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were considered and accepted from Cllrs. Harris (work commitments) and Plewman (on duty at COAST Festival).

4. **POLICE MATTERS**

4.1 **Police Report**

P.C.S.O. Roberts circulated the police report (refer attached) and answered questions from members. Cllr. Hayman asked if conviction rates could be given even if only on a 6 monthly basis.

4.2 **Other Police Matters**

All correspondence had been circulated to members for information.

5. **DOG FOULING**

Mark Whitmore gave a presentation in respect of a new initiative from NNDC to recruit volunteer community dog wardens. This will be widely promoted in the media. It was **AGREED** to progress this via the Planning Transportation & Environment Committee.

6. **YOUTH**

6.1 **Cromer Academy Student Council**

There was no representative and no update.

6.2 **Skatepark**

There was no report.

6.3 **Other Youth Matters** (for information only)

There were no other youth matters to report.

7. **COMMITTEE CHOICES & REPRESENTATIVES**

It was **AGREED** that Cllr. Cox & Cllr. Hamilton-Emery will represent the Town Council on the Cromer Exhibition Foundation.

8. **COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCIL**

It was noted that Chief Exec. Sheila Oxtoby and NNDC Leader Tom Fitzpatrick will be attended the March 2014 meeting of the Town Council.

Invasive Species – Cllr. Hayman asked who is responsible for dealing with invasive species as there are several clumps along the Holt Road. The Deputy Clerk will forward to County Cllr. Cox the contact details of the officer responsible at NCC.

Cycling on the Promenade - Cllr. Yiasimi advised that he has had no reply and will continue to pursue this.

Yellow Lines, The Warren – Cllr. Nolan asked why Cllr. Cox had not replied direct. It was noted that as this was a planning issue the reply had been sent via the Clerk.

NNDC Contracts – Cllr. Hamilton-Emery asked for confirmation whether NNDC has a policy to not award contracts to companies who have blacklisted workers.

CCTV – Cllr. Pritchard raised concern in respect of the cabinet decision to withdraw CCTV. He asked that NNDC look at their own expenses before switching off CCTV. District Cllr. Lee replied that Cabinet did not take the decision lightly. He advised that the biggest beneficiary of CCTV is the police but they are not willing to contribute towards the cost. Therefore every council tax payer in North Norfolk is paying for the CCTV in 5 towns. Cllr. Cox added to this by suggesting that a camera is installed at the junction of Overstrand Road to prosecute drivers and raise money for CCTV. Both Cllr. Lee and Cllr. Cox advised that they do not claim for expenses from NNDC.

9. It was **resolved** that the meeting be closed for public participation.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

CCTV – A member of the public stressed the importance of CCTV and voiced disappointment that the NNDC offices are being revamped at the cost of CCTV.

Crematorium – A member of the public finds it difficult to accept that there will be only 3 cremations a day and feels that there will be more cremations and therefore more traffic. Members were asked to seriously consider this and take action to keep people safe.

Cycling on the Promenade – A member of the public reported that NNDC have advised that all promenades in North Norfolk are open to cyclists etc. The signs were to be reviewed and an update was received from the Deputy Leader of NNDC. It was stressed that something needs to change.

Cromer Library Users Group – A member of the public asked that members look at all the proposed Norfolk County Council budget cuts which are likely to affect Cromer. The Library Users group are very much in favour of increased investment and improvement of the library.

A148 Holt Road – A representative of the Steps to Safety Campaign advised that there had been another accident on the Holt Road and stressed the need for a roundabout especially with the proposals for the crematorium moving forward. It was requested that local authorities get financial support from Westerleigh and all the businesses to the west of Cromer and that the costs of a roundabout be thoroughly investigated.

The meeting re-opened and members of the public left the meeting.

10. **NORTH LODGE PARK**

It was noted that most of the information has been received from NNDC and that Cllr. Harris is compiling a business plan for each option. This will be reported upon at the next Town Council meeting.

District Cllr. Lee left the meeting.

11. **PLANNING TRANSPORTATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

11.1 **Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Transportation & Environment Committee held on 03 October 2013**

Cllr. Adams presented the minutes of the meeting held on 03 October 2013 which were **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.

12. **PROMOTIONS & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

12.1 **Minutes of the meeting of the Promotions & Development Committee held on 30 September 2013**

Cllr. Hamilton-Emery presented the minutes of the meeting held on 30 September 2013 which were **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.

It was **AGREED** that CCTV will be moved to the next meeting of the Strategy & Finance Committee for discussion.

13. **STRATEGY & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

13.1 **Minutes of the meeting of the Strategy & Finance Committee held on 15 October 2013**

Cllr. Airs presented the minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2013, which were **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.

13.2 **Parish Plan**

It was noted that the quantitative information is being collated and will be complete soon. A report will be made at the next appropriate meeting. The other information will be processed next.

14. **WORKS & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

14.1 **Minutes of the meeting of the Works & General Purposes Committee held on 24 September 2013**

Cllr. Pritchard presented the minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2013, which were **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.

Item 9.1 Shipden Avenue – It was noted that members have visited and photos of the streetlight showing the light dispersment were circulated. As the photos clearly showed the light illuminating only the pavement and not the gardens and houses it was **AGREED** that no action is to be taken. The Clerk was instructed to contact the complainant and to also mention the Dark Skies Policy.

Item 15 War Memorial – It was noted that a meeting to discuss the War Memorial will be held at 7pm on Friday 15 November 2013.

Item 16 Churchyard Flagpole – It was noted that the repairs are complete.

Item 17 Crematorium – It was noted that 95% of the members of the public who attended the consultation event supported the plans for the crematorium.

15. **BUDGET 2014/2015**

Members were in receipt of various draft version of the budget. It was **AGREED** to hold a special meeting to discuss the budget on 09 December 2013. The Town Council meeting will be moved forward to 02 December 2013.

16. **RESOLUTIONS FROM MEMBERS**

16.1 **Poverty & Deprivation**

Members were in receipt of a proposal from Cllr. Saunders and Cllr. Hayman in respect of the report into deprivation in Cromer. It was **AGREED** that Cromer Town Council affirms its commitment to enhance the lives of people living in Cromer. It recognizes that the town has different communities, including affluent and deprived and will ensure that all sectors of the population are served. The council will also work with the police and other organisations to prevent domestic abuse and support the victims when it does occur.

16.2 **Cromer Digital High Street**

It was **AGREED** to invite Mr. Meadows to a future meeting to provide an update.

17. **MAYOR & DEPUTY MAYOR**

17.1 **Mayor's Report**

It was noted that the Mayor's Report is now accessible via a blog. A copy will be printed out for members who do not have access to the internet.

It was noted that the Mayor's Civic Celebration and Community Carol Service will be held at the Parish Church at 3pm on Sunday 08 December 2013.

17.2 **Deputy Mayor's Report**

The Deputy Mayor advised that she had attended the launch of the COAST Festival.

18. **REPORTS FROM MEMBERS ON OTHER COMMITTEES**

Bittern Line – Cllr. Cox advised that there is a site visit on 04 November 2013. It is hoped to extend the footpath and install shutters on the waiting room. She was pleased to advise that Cromer had received an award for being the most improved station.

Poorlands – Cllr. Airs gave an update and advised that this year's award has been set at £15. 114 widows are to receive the grant. It was also noted that the tenants of the land will be given one year's notice of the rise in rent.

CCTV – The Mayor reported on a recent meeting held with representatives from other town councils to discuss the offer from NNDC to hand over CCTV. It had been agreed that each Mayor write to NNDC to ask for more time to allow each Town Council to fully consider the options. The representatives are to meet again on 13 November 2013.

Members asked whether NNDC would consider using the second home windfall amounts for CCTV and to encourage the police to bid for money for CCTV. It was also mentioned that the council tax payers are already paying for this and that we should ask for that element of the council tax funds.

19. **CORRESPONDENCE**

19.1 **Correspondence as detailed below**

The correspondence listed was noted or action agreed as detailed.

Norfolk Trails	To consider membership of Walkers are Welcome – <i>It was AGREED to join for one year and then reassess.</i>
NCC	To consider membership of National Association of Civic Officers – <i>It was AGREED that it would serve no purpose to be members.</i> NCC Budget Proposals Consultation & event – <i>It was AGREED to ask NCC to look again at the 80% cuts to the arts. This will be further considered by the Strategy & Finance Committee for agreement at the next Town Council meeting.</i> Battle of Britain Event – <i>It was suggested that NCC host this event in other towns too in the future.</i>
NNDC	Norfolk's Living Well Health Fair NNDC response to Marine Plans Flier re Cromer Coast Protection Scheme
Meeting	Cromer Coast Protection Stakeholder Group Beach Article from Wikipedia Coastal Forum agenda Full Council agenda
Norfolk Assoc. of Local Councils	Weekly Updates Norfolk Link Annual Report
Police	Weekly Summary
Norfolk Coast Partnership	Annual Conference
Cromer & District Foodbank	Annual Report
COAST	Invitations to events

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16.2 **Correspondence received since 22 October 2013**

There was no other correspondence to report.

20. **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:** Full Council 7pm on Monday 02 Dec 2013
Budget Meeting 7pm on Monday 09 Dec 2013

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the meeting at 8.37pm.

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Dated

