

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STRATEGY & FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**HELD ON TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2014 AT 7.00 PM**  
**IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, NORTH LODGE, CROMER**

**Present:-**

Chairman – Cllr. D. Airs, Vice-Chairman – Cllr. D. Pritchard,  
Cllr. T. Bartlett, Cllr. J. Hamilton-Emery, Cllr. P. Harris,  
Cllr. T. Nash, Cllr. Y. Nolan and Cllr. G. Smith.

Julie Chance – Town Clerk.

**1. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2013**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2013, having been **AGREED** at Full Council on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2013, were signed by the Chairman.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

Declarations of interest were received from Cllr. T. Bartlett in respect of any Cromer Preservation Society matters.

**3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. T. Adams.

**4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

**5. NORTH LODGE PARK**

Cllr. Harris read an email received from North Norfolk District Council stating that a paper will be written for the Cabinet to approve delegated authority to officers to proceed with the transfer of the asset. This will be prepared in time for the Cabinet meeting on February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014. North Norfolk District Council have requested that the letter sent from Cromer Town Council be reworded to read that Cromer Town Council “have agreed in principle to the transfer of North Lodge Park”. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would reword the letter accordingly. North Norfolk District Council have requested that the Business Plan be reworked to show the one option accepted by Cromer Town Council. It was **AGREED** that Cllr. Harris will rework the Business Plan accordingly. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would clarify the situation concerning costs with North Norfolk District Council. The Clerk reported that Cllr. Airs, Cllr. Harris and she, has a meeting with the Solicitor to discuss the matter in full.

6. **PARISH PLAN**

Cllr. Bartlett gave a brief update and a draft Press Release was circulated to all Members present. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk will issue the Press Release accordingly.

7. **FINANCE**

7.1 **Monthly Accounts – October and November:- AGREED.** It was noted that once the Crematorium income and the expenditure for North Lodge Park comes on stream, a more comprehensive reporting system needs to be set-up in order that the Members are aware of the up-to-date position with the budget at all times. Cllr. Harris will prepare a paper to be considered at the next Strategy Committee meeting.

7.2 **Lapel Badges:-** It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would obtain a quotation for a bulk buy of 30 lapel badges. This matter will be placed on the next Full Council agenda for discussion.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS**

Nothing to report.

9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was noted as 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2014.

10. **TO CONSIDER A RESOLUTION UNDER THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS ACT 1960) TO EXCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

**AGREED.** It was **AGREED** that Cllr. Nolan and Cllr. Smith remain in the meeting for this item.

11. **BASEMENT FLAT**

The Clerk reported that the Solicitor has written to Phoenix Corporate Management offering the compromise of a gateway through the wall directly off North Lodge Park, subject to planning permission being given by North Norfolk District Council. This matter is in the hands of the Solicitor and updates will be reported as and when

received. Phoenix Corporate Management have served Court papers on Cromer Town Council and if they do not accept the compromise it is likely that the Clerk, Giles Margason and Cllr. Nash will have to attend Court as witnesses. Legal expenses have already been paid in this matter but it is hoped that these can be claimed back if Cromer Town Council is successful with the proceedings.

**There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.50 pm.**

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**Chairman**

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**Date**