

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PROMOTION & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2014 AT 7.00 PM
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, NORTH LODGE, CROMER.

Present:-

Chairman – Cllr. J. Hamilton-Emery, Vice-Chairman – Cllr. J. Frosdick,
Cllr. T. Adams, Cllr. J. Bond, Cllr. T. Nash, Cllr. B. Stibbons and Rebecca Wass.

In Attendance:-

Cllr. Y. Nolan.

Julie Chance – Town Clerk.

1. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9TH SEPTEMBER 2014

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th September 2014, having been **AGREED** by Full Council on 20th October 2014, were signed by the Chairman.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None received.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. C. Plewman – Minor Operation.
Cllr. A. Yiasimi – France – Twinning.
Jackie Richards.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

5. TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

No report received.

6. MARRIAGES

6.1 Ceremony Bookings:- Attached. The Clerk apologised to all present that this had not been circulated with the Agenda.

6.2 Wedding Ceremony – Garden:- The Clerk reported that the garden at the back of North Lodge has been booked for a blessing in July 2015 with the Council Chamber on standby in case of inclement weather. The couple have requested permission to install an electricity supply for use during their blessing and are preparing a schedule of works to be considered by the Members. The groom is a qualified electrician and has offered to carry out the work free of charge and can provide the necessary certificates to cover

the work. It was **AGREED** that once the specification is received this matter will be passed to the Works and General Purposes Committee for consideration.

7. FIREWORK EVENT

7.1 Cllr. Bond reported that all arrangements are in hand.

8. TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Nothing to report.

9. BLOOM COMMITTEE

9.1 Cllr. Bond reported that the AGM will be held shortly. The team are tidying up for the winter and make preparations for the spring.

10. COMMUNITY OPEN DAY AND ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 2015

10.1 The Clerk reported that Don Davenport and Jason Bell have accepted the invitations to do a presentation at the Annual Town Meeting on 18th March in the Parish Hall. It was **AGREED** that the deadline date for the Honours will be the end of February 2015 in order that they can be considered at the meeting on 3rd March 2015 in time for the Annual Town Meeting presentations.

11. BUDGET 2015/16

11.1 Following lengthy discussions it was **AGREED** to take no further action on the suggestion of a webcam in the centre of town.

It was **AGREED** to increase the marriage ceremonies to £300 and £350 respectively with effect from 1st April 2015. It was **AGREED** that there will be an item on the next agenda to discuss how to promote the marriage ceremonies and the expenditure of the publicity budget allocated in the Budget for 2015/16.

It was **AGREED** to purchase a substantial tent with the crest of Cromer Town Council to be used for promotion events. An allowance of £600 has been made in the Budget for 2015/16.

It was **AGREED** to consider a newsletter explaining the Precept to each household be produced and this matter will be placed on the next agenda for discussion.

It was **AGREED** to recommend the Budget for 2015/16 in the sum of £15,870 expenditure with £8,900 income.

12. OTHER EVENTS

12.1 Christmas Event:- The Chairman reported that the arrangements are going well and the event is growing each year. The Chairman reported that there was some discussion concerning combining the Christmas Lighting Committee with Christmas Event Committee. The Clerk reported that Paul Stowe and Rev. Sharon Willimott has requested a meeting to discuss this possibility and she awaiting some available dates from them. Once the dates are available the Clerk will confirm with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Mayor who will be attending the meeting with her.

13. OTHER PUBLICITY MATTERS

13.1 Chamber of Trade:- No report received.

13.2 Cromer Pier:- Rebecca Wass reported that the pier is still not rebuilt following the storm surges from last year. Extra work was found and there are issues with the roof which is partly wear and tear and partly damage. The roof is not watertight at the present time. The new date for completion of the works is January 2015. They have a show tonight and on Saturday following which they will be rehearsing for the Christmas shows. Friday nights in December will be party night on the Pier. The public can get a ticket to a show and then stay late in the bar. Father Christmas will be on the Pier every weekend except Saturday 6th December in order not to clash with the Christmas event in town.

The Pier Theatre will be sticking to the traditional format next summer but adding a cheap family ticket during the matinees for the six week holiday period. These shows will be child friendly and entertainment will be provided for the children. The Pier has been holding open days with a tour which has been successful and will continue.

Cllr. Hamilton-Emery enquired whether the Pier Theatre were proposing to show films. Rebecca Wass said that they have looked into this matter but need a proper projector and are discussion how that can be funded.

13.3 Blue Plaque Working Group:- The Chairman reported that arrangements are going well. The Clerk reported that permission from one of the properties involved is awaited but once this is received the Blue Plaques will be ordered. Cllr. Bond and the Clerk will complete the planning application forms for the erection of the Blue Plaques. It was **AGREED** that the Blue Plaques will not include the town crest.

13.4 QJ&J Boat:- The Clerk reported that the QJ&J has been cut and is with the Museum at Stalham waiting for refurbishment. Fundraising is on-going. Planning permission will be needed to site the QJ&J in the garden behind North Lodge and Cllr. Bond and the Clerk will be dealing with this matter in due course.

- 13.5 Walkers are Welcome:-** Cllr. Adams reported that there will be guided walks at the weekend and a stall outside Lloyds Bank in the town. There will be a public meeting in the Community Centre on Wednesday 19th at 7.00 pm.
- 13.6 Flag Flying:-** It was **AGREED** to add 20th October 2015 to the schedule of dates in the Flag Policy. This will mark 100 years since the execution of Edith Cavell. It was **AGREED** to fly the Town flag from the flagpole at North Lodge on 28th November 2014. The flag will be flown at half mast for the funeral of David Bussey who was a Town Councillor for many years.

14. CORRESPONDENCE AND CIRCULARS

None received.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was noted as 3rd March, 2015.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15 pm.

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Chairman

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Date