

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF CROMER TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, NORTH LODGE PARK ON 18 FEBRUARY 2019**

PRESENT

Mayor Cllr. D. Pritchard, Deputy Mayor Cllr. R. Leeds,
Cllr. T. Adams, Cllr. T. Bartlett, Cllr. J. Davis, Cllr. P. Harris,
Cllr. D. Russell, Cllr. B. Stibbons, Cllr. A. Yiasimi

Mrs. J. Chance PSLCC (Town Clerk)
Mrs. J. Warner PSLCC AICCM (Deputy Town Clerk)

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs. Bossingham, Hayhurst and Nolan due to family commitments and from Cllr. M. Russell due to work commitments.

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

Cllr. Adams declared an interest as County Councillor.
Cllr. Yiasimi declared an interest as District Councillor.
Cllrs. Davis, Pritchard and Stibbons declared interests as members of the Friends of Cromer Museum.

3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public present.

4. **CROMER MUSEUM**

Cllr. Adams provided a recap on how Cromer Museum is funded and advised that unless an £8000 shortfall in funding is sourced, the museum will remain closed in March. It was noted that NNDC have budgeted £4,000 towards the shortfall. Cllr. Adams asked whether Cromer Town Council would consider gifting £4,000 to make up the balance required.

The Clerk advised that the £4,000 would have to be taken out of reserves as would any request for the 2019/20 financial year. She suggested that if this is to be an annual request, the Town Council should consider including it in the budget for future years.

It was suggested that other ways need to be found to encourage visitors to the museum and to include it as a hub for the Deep History Coast.

Following lengthy discussion, it was **AGREED** to fund £4,000 this year and to take a strategic approach as soon as possible after the May elections with a view to working together with NNDC, NCC and Cromer Museum for the future of the museum.

It was **AGREED** to ask NNDC to meet with Cromer Town Council as soon as possible to discuss the Deep History Coast and the involvement of Cromer Museum as a hub.

It was **AGREED** to meet with Steve Miller, Head of Museums to discuss Cromer Museum.

5. **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING** 04 March 2019

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the meeting.

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