

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CROMER TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, NORTH LODGE PARK ON 04 MARCH 2019**

PRESENT

Mayor Cllr. D. Pritchard, Deputy Mayor Cllr. R. Leeds,
Cllr. T. Adams, Cllr. T. Bartlett, Cllr. M. Bossingham, Cllr. J. Davis,
Cllr. M. Hayhurst, Cllr. D. Russell, Cllr. M. Russell, Cllr. B. Stibbons, Cllr. A. Yiasimi

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

Sgt. Gosden, P.C. Mezzetti, Head Teacher A. Little
1 member of the public

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, members stood in silence in memory of former Mayor and Town Councillor Gwen Smith and former Chief Executive of NNDC Terry Nolan.

1. **MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21 JANUARY 2019 & 18 FEBRUARY 2019**

It was **AGREED** that the minutes of the meetings held on 21 January 2019 & 18 February 2019 be **APPROVED**. The minutes were signed by the Mayor.

Cromer Museum – It was suggested that a press release is issued celebrating the Town Council's contribution to the opening of the Museum during March. Cllr. Adams advised that this has already been mentioned in the press.

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

Members declared interests as follows:
Cllr. M. Bossingham – Twinning & Skatepark
Cllr. M. Hayhurst – Cromer Museum
Cllr. D. Russell – EEAS
Cllr. A. Yiasimi – NNDC & Twinning

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

3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

3.1 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were accepted from Cllr. Dickenson (family), Cllr. Harris (work), Cllr. Nolan (family bereavement), Cllr. Plewman (illness).

4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Cadogan Road Car Park – A member of the public raised concern that the trees removed by NNDC have not been replaced. Cllr. Yiasimi will raise this matter with NNDC. It was also **AGREED** that the Clerk will contact NNDC for an update.

5. **POLICE MATTERS**

5.1 **Police Report**

Members were in receipt of the monthly police newsletter which was noted.

5.2 **Police Update from Sgt. Gosden**

Sgt. Gosden provided a full and detailed update and answered questions from members including:

- The forthcoming retirement of P.C. Cresswell who is expected to be succeeded by P.C. Mezzetti.
- North Norfolk has the lowest crime across the county.
- A system has been set up to conduct desktop investigations. This will be manned by officers on recuperative duties.
- Operation Moonshot dedicated ANPR interception, targets criminals heading into the county. ANPR is also useful in locating missing persons. The aim is to extend ANPR into North Norfolk.
- There is a waiting list of young people wanting to join the Police Cadets in North Walsham.
- It is hoped to recruit more Special Constables.
- Some officers are moving to detective roles.
- The majority of scene-guards are ex-police officers who are employed on a zero hours contract.
- Lots of crime is behind closed doors. 6% of violent offences are by strangers. All others are people known to each other.
- All officers now wear bodycams and carry tablets. More officers are now taser trained.
- 3 drones have been gifted by a grateful family. It is now hoped to obtain funding to purchase thermal imaging cameras.
- The Mental Health Action Team works within the control room and advises officers how to deal with people with mental health issues. The police have the powers necessary to take detain people and take them to a safe place.
- Cromer police can be contacted by emailing sntcromer@norfolk.pnn.police.uk
- The police can access CCTV and there is potential in the future to access CCTV via an app on tablets.
- Sgt. Gosden will liaise with Cllr. Leeds to see whether the police boat can be on display at Cromer's Lifeboat Day.

P.C. Mezzetti provided an update on crime statistics for February 2019.

Sgt. Gosden and P.C. Mezzetti were thanked for their reports.

5.3 **Other Police matters** (for information only)

There were no other matters to report.

6. YOUTH

6.1 Cromer Academy

Head Teacher Mr. Little provided an update on Cromer Academy which included the following:

- Tennis Hub -The Lawn Tennis Association withdrew funding for the tennis hub and NNDC are to underwrite the balance required. The PE curriculum is restricted and the new Tennis Hub will expand sports and enrichment. There is huge evidence that sporting activity is linked to mental health and academic outcomes.
- Academic Outcomes – Last year only 1/3 of students left with a good standard of English and maths. This needs to improve, thus the Academy have taken the following actions:
 - Bought into an online English and maths package
 - Spent £5k on new science textbooks
 - Started a photography course
 - Spent £3k on photography equipment
 - Employed a language assistant
 - 4 new tutors to work 1:1 with students who need extra help
 - Reintroduced handwriting and spelling classes
 - Special classes to help with dyslexia
 - Weekly reading aloud with adults
 - Invested £5k on sports equipment

Right Here Right Now anticipates 50% outcomes

Attendance is 94% but if those who do not attend for a reason are taken into account, the attendance would be 99%. Benchmarked against other schools, Cromer Academy is second in attendance.

Cromer Academy is the top school in respect of behaviour.

- 134 new students offered places. Currently there are 9 spaces available but it is expected that there will be a full intake.
- A recent fire safety inspection was passed.
- In 2020 some students will be volunteering in Zanzibar.
- The Friends of the Academy continue to meet.
- There is a school production in March.
- There has recently been a history trip to Cambridge and an art trip to Edinburgh.
- On 29 March there is a whole school beach clean event which has been supported by CTC with the loan of litter-picking equipment.
- Fundraising is ongoing for the purchase of 4 Olympic sized trampolines with £8k of the required £14k raised to date.

Members congratulated all at the Academy for their on-going achievements and raised the following questions:

- Are any students the Academy affected by Period Poverty and are absence rates affected by this?

It is possible but is not given as a reason for absence. Sanitary products are available to students from the welfare department.

The Mayor encouraged members to add a packet of sanitary products to their shopping trolley to donate to the Academy.

- Will the academisation of Cromer Junior School affect Cromer Academy? The Academy has been working with the Infant and Junior Schools to share resources which would have been easier if in the same trust but do not feel that it will persuade parents to send their children to Sheringham High. The Academy also has good relationships with the schools in Roughton and Overstrand and will continue to offer support to Cromer Junior School.
- How does the Academy deal with Aspergers? Boys and girls differ in how they present aspergers. There is a Specialist Resource Base on site and currently there are 15 pupils in the hub. The SRB has a fantastic reputation.
- Is there any encouragement for students to undertake apprenticeships? Apprenticeship Norfolk is heavily pushed in school. It is hoped that the Academy will take on apprentices next year.

Mr Little was thanked for his report.

6.2 **Other youth matters**

There were no other matters to report.

7. **DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL**

7.1 **County & District Councillors**

District Councillor Yiasimi

Cllr. Yiasimi thanked Cromer Town Council for joining with NNDC to fund Cromer Museum and ANPR. He also advised that NNDC are to provide 2 memorial benches for families. It was noted that there is a rise in complaints about dog fouling and that NNDC are to put signs on bins. NNDC are recruiting an Environmental Ranger who will also deal re dog fouling offences.

County Councillor Adams

Cllr. Adams circulated a written report (attached).

Sgt. Gosden & P.C. Mezzetti left the meeting.

7.2 **Questions to District & County Councillors**

Brunswick Terrace – The Clerk advised that NNDC have admitted responsibility for the railings.

Norwich Road bench – It was noted that historical research has proved that CTC are responsible for a bench on Norwich Road. This will be passed to the Works and General Purposes Committee to pursue.

CCTV – Cllr. Adams advised that he had visited Gorleston and would like to think that CCTV could be reintroduced in Cromer.

Youth – A BBC survey has identified that parts of rural Norfolk are the worst places for young people to live with Going Out scoring 0/10, Sports Facilities

0/10, Bus Services 1/10. District Cllr. Yiasimi empathised but felt that this is not a total reflection of our district. It was noted that CTC have been pressing for improvements in play facilities and are trying to put together a response to the Local Plan to address these issues. Cllr. Adams stressed that CTC need to put together a plan and be ready to apply for funding as and when it is available. Mr. Little advised that when the Academy put on after-school events the students do stay on and participate but transport can be an issue. He advised that if anyone would like to use the school premises for youth based clubs they can do so at no cost.

There were no other responses to questions previously raised with the District Councillors.

Mr. Little left the meeting.

7.3 **Norfolk Record Office**

Members were in receipt of a reply from Norfolk Records Office. Cllr. Adams thanked CTC for writing to Norfolk County Council. He asked people to engage with the Norfolk Records Office on social media and help build public awareness of this resource.

8. **PLANNING TRANSPORTATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

8.1 **Minutes of the meetings of the Planning Transportation & Environment Committee held 14 February 2019**

Cllr. Adams presented the minutes of the meeting held on 14 February 2019 which were **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.

North Norfolk Open Space Survey – Cllr. Adams provided a review of the survey. It was **AGREED** that Cllr Adams will respond to the survey and provide a copy of the response to members.

9. **PROMOTIONS & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

9.1 **Minutes of the meeting of the Promotions and Development Committee held on 19 February 2019**

Cllr. Leeds presented the minutes of the meeting held on 19 February 2019 which were **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.

Minute item 7.2 Fireworks Grant Applications – Concern was raised that the guidance notes were not followed and it was agreed that the process needs to be tightened with no ambiguity whatsoever.

Minute item 7.1 Firework Event – It was noted that CTC will be working with NNDC to produce a Traffic Management Plan and improve car parking management.

10. **POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

10.1 **Minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 22 January 2019**

Cllr. Bartlett presented the minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2019 which were **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.

11. **WORKS & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

11.1 **Minutes of the meeting of the Works & General Purposes Committee held on 12 February 2019**

Cllr. Pritchard presented the minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2019 which were **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.

12. **COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

12.1 **Minutes of the meeting of the Community & Economic Development Committee held on 24 January 2019**

Cllr. Leeds presented the minutes of the meeting held on 24 January 2019 which were **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.

13. **REPORT FROM MAYOR & DEPUTY MAYOR**

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor reported on their attendance at various events.

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

EEAS – Members were in receipt of reports from Cllr. D. Russell.

Twinning – Cllr. Bossingham advised that hosts are still required for the forthcoming twinning visit.

15. **CORRESPONDENCE**

15.1 **Correspondence as detailed below**

Norfolk ALC	Weekly newsletters
NNDC	Sport & Recreation Study Elections information Future High Street Fund
Toilets for all	Draft
Cllr. Cox	'Great Barrier Reef' of Norfolk
Carers Matter	Newsletter

Bishop of Norwich	Review of the life of the people of Cromer
Plantlife	Roadside Verges Campaign
Community Land Trusts	Community Led Homes
Cromer Community & Hospital Friends Thank you letter	

All the above correspondence was noted and no action taken unless stated otherwise.

15.2 **Correspondence received since 25 February 2019**

Free safety door stickers
Walk Cromer AGM

16. **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:** 7pm 17 April 2019

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

It was **AGREED** that in view of the nature of the matters to be discussed that the public and press be excluded from the meeting.

The member of the public left the meeting.

18. **PERSONNEL SUB COMMITTEE**

Cllr. Bartlett presented the minutes of the meeting of the Personnel Sub-Committee which were **APPROVED**.

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

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