

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC COMMITTEE**  
**HELD ON THURSDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2019 AT 7.00 PM**  
**IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, NORTH LODGE, CROMER**

**Present:-**

Committee Chairman – Cllr. P. Harris  
Cllr. T. Adams, Cllr. M. Hayhurst, Cllr. R. Leeds, Cllr. M. Russell

In attendance: Cllr. D Pritchard

Julie Chance FSLCC – Town Clerk  
Janet Warner PSLCC AICCM – Deputy Town Clerk

Mr. S Grout – Chamber of trade (to item 6 incl)

It was agreed to re-order the agenda to bring forward the item re Coach Friendly Towns

**1. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 OCTOBER 2019**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2019, having been **AGREED** by Full Council on 21 October 2019, were signed by the Committee Chairman.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs. Bossingham and Spagnola due to illness.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

There were no declarations of interest.

**4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public present.

**5. GUEST SPEAKER**

It was noted that the guest speaker had sent apologies. He will be invited to attend a meeting in 2020.

**6. COACH FRIENDLY TOWN**

Members were in receipt of information about becoming a coach friendly town. Mr. Grout advised that the Chamber of Trade are in support of forwarding this initiative. Following lengthy discussion, it was **AGREED** to arrange to meet with NNDC and invite a representative from the Chamber of Trade to attend. The document will be used as a blueprint for the meeting.

*Mr. Grout left the meeting.*

## **7. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY**

Members were in receipt of the document which had been prepared by Cllrs. Hayhurst and Russell. It was **AGREED** to issue this to applicants for the current casual vacancies and ask them for their feedback. The leaflet will be regularly reviewed and updated.

It was also **AGREED** to provide all new councillors with the glossary of abbreviations prepared by Cllr. Harris and to encourage them to sit in on all committee meetings before making any decision regarding which committees they wish to join.

## **8. EXISTING PROJECTS**

### **8.1 Youth provision and play equipment:-**

It was noted that the changes to the Skatepark Charity have been submitted to the Charity Commission. Play provision for Brownhill and Fearn's Park is being researched with the support of local residents. It has been identified that toddler equipment is a priority. It was noted that a refurbished climbing frame will be installed at the Lynewood Close Pocket Park in the new year and that it is hoped to install a climbing wall.

### **8.2 Pocket Park:-**

Regular inspections are underway and all is currently OK. It was **AGREED** to send Cllrs. Adams, Bossingham and Harris on a ROSPA Training course in February.

The transfer of land is complete and signage will now be made and installed. The trees will be planted this week and the hedging will be planted in March. In the meantime the brambles need to be cleared.

It was noted that Victory Housing have awarded a grant of £4k towards the cost of a climbing wall.

It was suggested that the Town Council apply for an award and also hold an official opening and invite local media to attend.

*Cllr. Pritchard left the meeting.*

### **8.3 Environment Policy Action Plan:-**

Cllr. Harris provided an update and advised that the priorities will be listed by committee and that a meeting will be held with the committee chairmen and then with each committee.

The Task and Finish Group have discussed a Carbon Charter and will look into the Town Council's use of energy and how to reduce it. It is aimed to report back in the spring.

It was suggested that a corridor of trees could be planted around Cromer to provide a green belt. Local landowners in and around Cromer will need to be approached to obtain their agreement. The Clerk was instructed to contact

NNDC to advise that the Town Council are interested in discussing a tree planting scheme.

**8.4 Cromer Public Art Commission:-**

Cllr. Harris reported back on a successful public meeting. The next meeting is on 18 December 2019.

**9. NEW & FUTURE PROJECTS**

**9.1 Old Cemetery Chapel:-**

It was noted that a site visit has been held with the Conservation Team from NNDC and concern raised about possible subsidence. It was **AGREED** that a structural survey should be arranged and the building monitored. The priority is to assess the stability of the building before any projects are considered.

**9.2 Fairtrade:-**

It was noted that letters have been drafted to send to faith groups, schools, businesses and traders.

**9.3 Dementia Friendly Council:-**

Cllr. Harris will speak to Age UK to arrange a training session. The Chamber of Trade will be invited to attend too.

**9.4 Parish Plan:-**

Cllrs. Harris and Bartlett have discuss this and will put together a proposal as to how best to review the Parish Plan alongside the Environmental Action Plan. Cllr. Adams expressed an interest in being involved.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

It was suggested that deadlines are established for all Task & Finish Groups. This will be added to the next agenda.

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was noted as 24 January 2020.

**There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm**

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**Chairman**

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**Date**