

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC COMMITTEE
HELD REMOTELY ON THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER 2020 AT 7.00 PM

Present:-

Committee Chairman – Cllr. P. Harris
Cllr. P. Bennett, Cllr. M. Bossingham, Cllr. M. Hayhurst, Cllr. R. Leeds

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

1. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 MARCH 2020

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2020, having been **AGREED** by Full Council will be signed by the Committee Chairman at the earliest opportunity.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr. Adams due to work commitments.

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. UPDATES ON PROJECTS

5.1 Cromer Art Space

It was noted that the group are in the process of opening a bank account and registering as a charity. The balance of the funding from COAST has been passed to the group. Submissions have been received for a poster competition. Cllr. Harris will forward the poster from the youth competition for display on the notice board in the Churchyard and at the train station.

5.2 Environmental Working Party

It was noted that Cllrs. Harris, Adams and Bossingham had met with the new Green Spaces Group. It is hoped to hold a meeting with Councillors from The Runtons PC in respect of the land adjacent to Clifton Park. Survey monkey is to be used to consult with residents on various environmental issues. The draft survey questionnaires will be circulated to council for approval before being loaded onto Survey Monkey.

5.3 Town Plan

It was suggested that this is worked on in conjunction with the Environmental Working Party.

5.4 **Men's Shed**

Cllr. Bennett advised that Cllr. Baksh is attending a meeting of the group this evening and will provide feedback. They are currently in the process of deciding on their structure and constitution and will be looking for suitable premises. The group may apply to Cromer Town Council for a funding grant and would also appreciate offers of help from any volunteers to help run the group.

5.5 **Energy Project**

Cllr. Harris advised that NCC are installing an information network across Norfolk and are looking to get organisations interested. One of the main hubs will be in Cromer. It was **AGREED** to invite a representative from NCC to talk to the committee about the project. It was suggested that a decent phone signal across the county and digital information screens at bus shelters would be useful.

5.6 **Wi-fi**

It was noted that Sheringham Town Council are looking into installing public wi-fi and felt that Cromer should too. Cllr. Leeds advised that it is more difficult in Cromer due to the height of the buildings. It was suggested that perhaps public wi-fi could be incorporated with the CCTV project. Cllr. Leeds will make enquiries as to whether this would be possible.

5.7 **Pocket Park**

Members were in receipt of the recent safety inspection and it was noted that there are some low and medium risk issues to be addressed. It was **AGREED** to recommend to Works & General Purposes Committee that the budget for the Pocket Park is increased to £2k. Cllr. Harris and the Clerk will meet to draw up a schedule for the maintenance works and to set a date for the planting of the hedging plants.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence to report.

7. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was noted as 26 November 2020

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.00pm

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Chairman

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Date