

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF CROMER TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT 19:00 ON 17 MAY 2021 IN CROMER COMMUNITY CENTRE**

PRESENT

Mayor Cllr. M. Bossingham, Deputy Mayor Cllr. P. West
Cllr. T. Adams, Cllr. T. Bartlett, Cllr. D. Baksh, Cllr. P. Bennett,
Cllr. P. Harris, Cllr. M. Hayhurst, Cllr. R. Leeds, Cllr. D. Pritchard, Cllr. D. Roberts,
Cllr. D. Russell, Cllr. M. Russell, Cllr. E. Spagnola, Cllr. A. Yiasimi

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

1 member of the public

Outgoing Mayor Cllr. Leeds welcomed everyone to the meeting and took the chair for the first item on the agenda.

1. **ELECTION OF MAYOR**

It was proposed that standing orders be suspended to allow Cllr. Leeds to be nominated to serve for a further year as Mayor. This proposal fell.

Two members were nominated and seconded and members voted.

Cllr. Bossingham was elected as Mayor.

Cllr. Bossingham signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took the chair.

Cllr. Leeds thanked everyone for their support during his time as Mayor and presented Cllr. Bossingham with the Chain of Office.

Cllr Leeds was thanked for his hard work as Mayor and was presented with the Immediate Past Mayor Medal.

Cllr. Adams announced his intent to form an opposition group to the council to ensure fairness to all and to hold the council to account if necessary. Some members expressed their disappointment at this move as they felt the Council should work together.

It was **AGREED** to add two urgent items under exclusion of the public at the end of the meeting.

2. **ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

Two members were nominated and seconded and members voted.

Cllr. Pat West was elected as Deputy Mayor.

Cllr. West signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was presented with the Deputy Mayor ribbon and medal.

3. **MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON 26 APRIL 2021**

It was **AGREED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 26 April 2021 be **APPROVED**. The minutes were signed by the Mayor.

4. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

All members were present.

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

Members declared interests as follows:

Cllrs. Bartlett, Harris & M. Russell –Cromer Community Centre

Cllr. D. Russell - EEAST

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

6. **COMMITTEES & REPRESENTATIVES**

Refer attached sheet for details.

7. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The member of the public present did not wish to address the meeting.

8. **YOUTH MATTERS**

A report from Cromer Academy Manager Vicki Bumphrey was read out and the contents noted as follows:

We are in the process of appointing new pupil leaders for the new academic year from our current Year 10 cohort. As soon as we have appointed Heads of School, we would like to bring them to future meetings with myself and the Principal to share school updates with the town council members.

Below is a brief list of updates on behalf of the school.

- *School has signed up to become an Eco-School. To commence September 2021. This will be pupil led and supported by the School Manager, Head of Design & Technology, Head of Geography and Head of Science.*
- *School has signed up to be a Plastic Free School. This will support the school's aim to be a community ally for the town's plastic free initiative.*
- *We are working closely with NNDC environmental dept. Our Eco prefects will be attending environmental meetings with NNDC to represent the youth voice.*
- *Art department is organising a community art trail for Cromer as part of the Norfolk Open Studios. This will take place in Sept / Oct. 10+ businesses have already agreed to display pupils' artwork in their shop windows.*
- *As part of our eco school project, we will be organising a whole school beach clean on Friday 24th September.*

9. **REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Cllr. Adams - NCC & NNDC

Various updates were provided and questions answered including the following:

- 27 highway defects reported since the last meeting.

- Pavement issues identified.
- Loose planks on the pier where screws have been removed.
- Complaints re parking.
- Complaints re increase in number of pigeons in Central Road area.
- Social care and housing issues.
- Introduction of street furniture licences due to covid.
- Interest expressed in Collectors Cabin. NNDC have had a budget in place for the last 6 years for rebuilding this property. No decision made yet re the long-term use of the former tennis courts in North Lodge Park.
- Licence in place for cycle repair hub at Runton Road car park.
- Play equipment at Yaxley's Loke cannot be opened yet due to the developer not yet discharging the conditions.
- Social Housing and empty properties? Cllr. Spagnola advised that this is on the agenda at NNDC.
- Concern raised re access to prom for disabled people and lack of signage to the lift – Cllr. Spagnola advised that beach wheelchairs are to be introduced and also that she is pushing for the hard-standing at Runton Road Car Park to be allocated for disabled parking.
- Some on the lights along the prom are out again.

Cllrs. Spagnola & Yiasimi – NNDC
Nothing further to add.

10. **POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

There was no update to report. Cllr. Hayhurst thanked the Clerk and the members of the committee for their support during his time chairing the committee.

11. **PLANNING TRANSPORTATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

11.1 **Minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2021**

Cllr. Adams presented the minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2021 which were **APPROVED**.

12. **WORKS & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

12.1 **Minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2021**

Cllr. Pritchard presented the minutes of the meetings held on 11 May 2021 which were **APPROVED**.

13. **PROMOTIONS & EVENTS COMMITTEE**

There was no update to report.

14. **COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Cllr. Harris advised that the Plastic Free Town project is progressing well and that a beach clean is being organized to take place at the end of June.

15. **OTHER REPORTS**

15.1 **Reports from Mayor & Deputy Mayor**

It was noted that the former Mayor and Deputy Mayor attended an event at Halsey House to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Royal British Legion.

15.2 **Reports from Councillors**

Cllr. D. Russell – Members were in receipt of a report re Ambulance Response times.

Twinning – It was noted that due to Covid there are still no plans for any twinning visits and that in the meantime zoom meetings are continuing.

Mrs Boocock was thanked for all her hard work in respect of twinning.

Norfolk ALC – It was noted that the AGM is being held via zoom on Thursday 20 May 2021.

16. **CORRESPONDENCE** (for information only)

There was no correspondence to report.

17. **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:** 07 June 2021 at 7pm

18. **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.

It was **AGREED** to suspend Standing Orders to continue the meeting beyond 9pm.

19. **PERSONNEL MATTERS**

Members were in receipt of confidential minutes of meetings of the Personnel Sub-Committee which were **APPROVED**. Due to their sensitivity, these minutes will not be available to the public until the issues are resolved.

It was **AGREED** that Cllrs. Adams, Bartlett, Bossingham, Harris, Hayhurst, Leeds & Pritchard will serve on a new committee called Policy & Resources Staff Committee purely to deal with the outstanding personnel matters. This committee will stand for the next 6 months or until the issues are resolved, whichever is the sooner.

It was **AGREED** that the Policy & Resources Staff Committee will take the lead on the issues raised by another staff members which overlaps with the existing matter.

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the meeting at 10pm

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