

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CROMER TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT CROMER CREMATORIUM AT 19:00 ON 26 JULY 2021**

PRESENT

Mayor Cllr. M. Bossingham,
Cllr. T. Adams, Cllr. D. Baksh, Cllr. T. Bartlett, Cllr. P. Bennett,
Cllr. P. Harris, Cllr. M. Hayhurst (from item 9), Cllr. R. Leeds,
Cllr. D. Russell, Cllr. D. Roberts

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

The Mayor led a one-minute silence for Paul Powell who recently passed away. A letter of condolence will be sent to Mrs. Powell.

1. **MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON 17 MAY 2021
07 JUNE 2021 & 07 JULY 2021**

It was **AGREED** that the minutes of the meetings held on 17 May 2021, 07 June 2021 & 07 July 2021 be **APPROVED**. The minutes were signed by the Mayor.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were accepted from Cllr. Pritchard (prior engagement), Cllr. M. Russell (family), Cllr. West (work), Cllr. Spagnola (medical) & Cllr. Yiasimi (medical). It was noted that Cllr. Hayhurst will be late arriving at the meeting.

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

Members declared interests as follows:

Cllr. Bossingham – Skatepark & RBL

Cllr. D. Russell – EEAST & RBL

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

4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public present.

5. **YOUTH MATTERS**

There were no representatives present from Cromer Academy and no youth matters to report.

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

Cllr. Adams advised that until there is a consistent improvement in the behaviour of some councillors, he is not prepared to provide reports on behalf of NNDC & NCC.

7. **POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

7.1 **Minutes of the meetings held on 18 May 2021 & 20 July 2021**

Cllr. Adams presented the minutes of the meetings held 18 May 2021 & 20 July 2021 which were **APPROVED**.

8. **PLANNING TRANSPORTATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

8.1 **Minutes of the meeting held on 08 July 2021**

Cllr. Adams presented the minutes of the meeting held on 08 July 2021 which were **APPROVED**.

9. **WORKS & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

9.1 **Minutes of the meetings held on 08 June 2021 & 06 July 2021**

Cllr. Bartlett presented the minutes of the meetings held on 08 June 2021 & 06 July 2021 which were **APPROVED**.

Minute item 10.1 Grit Bins – It was agreed that the grit bin on Howards Hill will be moved to Shipden Avenue before it is refilled in the autumn.

10. **PROMOTIONS & EVENTS COMMITTEE**

10.1 **Minutes of the meeting held on 01 June 2021 & 13 July 2021**

Cllr. Leeds presented the minutes of the meeting held on 01 June 2021 & 13 July 2021 which were **APPROVED**.

11. **COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

11.1 **Minutes of the meeting held on 27 May 2021 & 22 July 2021**

Cllr. Harris presented the minutes of the meeting held on 27 May 2021 & 22 July 2021 which were **APPROVED** subject to the following:

Minute item 5.1 Environmental Action Plan – It was felt that it would be difficult to enforce a ban on plastic crab lines and was **AGREED** to ask NNDC to discourage their use rather than ban them.

Minute item 5.3 Pocket Park – It was **AGREED** to fund the balance of the costs for the essential maintenance works and the climbing wall from general reserves.

It was noted that the query in respect of land ownership needs to be taken up with the applicant of the planning application and if necessary legal advice sought.

Minute item 5.4 Cycle Hub – Concern was raised in respect of a cycle hub being installed at Cadogan Road Car park as this is the most congested of the car parks. Cllr. Harris advised that he is in discussion with the Co-op on Middlebrook Way re installing a cycle hub there.

Minute item 5.7 – CAMpRA / Motorhome Aires – It was noted that it is very difficult to deal with campervans parked in the streets. Cllr. Adams advised that he is happy to participate in any discussions with private land owners.

12. **OTHER REPORTS**

12.1 **Reports from Mayor & Deputy Mayor**

Mayor Cllr. M. Bossingham reported on his attendance at various events.

12.2 **Reports from Councillors serving on other bodies**

Cllr. D. Russell – Members were in receipt of a report from Cllr. Russell re Blue Light services crisis. It was noted that Cllr. Russell is to attend a meeting of the Parish Council Liaison Group.

Cllr. Harris – Praise was given to NNDC in respect of how the covid business grants have been handled. Thanks to the grants, Cromer Community Centre is now in a better position financially and daytime bookings are now taking off. Following the resignation of the Bookings Clerk, an online booking system has been set up. The Credit Union is to open in the Community Centre in September

12.3 **Armed Forces Covenant**

It was **AGREED** to carry this item forward to the next meeting in order that Cllr. Pritchard can be present to advise members.

14.4 **Resolution from Cllr. D. Russell**

Cllr. D. Russell put forward the following resolution “*This Town Council was proud to support the local NHS front line Covid workers 5 July 2021 on its 73rd anniversary anniversary and pleased that the government has awarded the NHS the well deserved George Cross. As a token of thanks to the local NHS in Cromer I propose that the Freedom of Cromer be bestowed upon the Cromer Hospital and the East of England Ambulance Service in a formal ceremony as soon as Covid allows*”.

Members felt that the awarding of the freedom of the town needs more investigation and discussion. It was suggested that there are other organisations which are also deserving. It was noted that there are already plans in place to honour those who have paid a key role during the pandemic as part of the commemorations in July 2022. It was **AGREED** to consider the freedom of Cromer as part of the 2022 event.

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

There was no correspondence to report.

14. **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:** 08 September 2021 at 7pm

15. **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.

16. **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

It was noted that members were in receipt of a FOI request and the reply from the Clerk. The enquirer had sent an email of thanks. It was noted that the enquirer had also contacted a Town Councillor.

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the meeting at 20:05pm

Signed

Dated