

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CROMER TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER, 2021
AT 7.00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, NORTH LODGE.

Present:-

Mayor – Cllr. M. Bossingham, Cllr. T. Adams, Cllr. T. Bartlett,
Cllr. D. Baksh, Cllr. P. Harris, Cllr. M. Hayhurst, Cllr. R. Leeds,
Cllr. D. Pritchard, Cllr. D. Roberts, Cllr. D. Russell,
Cllr. M. Russell and Cllr. A. Yiasimi.

Julie Chance FSLCC – Town Clerk

A member of the public also attended the meeting (Gemma Harrison)

1. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26TH JULY, 2021

The Minutes of the meeting held on 26th July 2021, having been circulated, were taken as read, **AGREED** and signed by the Mayor.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. P. Bennett- Prior Commitment, Cllr. E. Spagnola – Children unwell, Cllr. P. West – Family Matters and Deputy Clerk Janet Warner – Prior Commitment.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Declarations of interest were received from Cllr. D. Russell – East of England Ambulance Service, Cllr. P. Harris – Cromer Artspace, Cllrs. T. Adams and A. Yiasimi – Old Tennis Courts, North Lodge Park and Cllr. D. Pritchard – Armed Forces Day matters.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Mayor introduced Gemma Harrison who will be assisting the Deputy Clerk during the Clerk's absence.

An emergency item was requested for discussion by Cllr. P. Harris. The matter concerned a request for a grant of £5,000 for the Cromer Artspace towards match funding. A grant application has been applied for by Cromer Artspace

and the match funding needs to be in place by the time the application is submitted on 10th September. No information had been circulated about this matter to the Members. The Clerk reported that the spending of public money cannot be made legally without the matter being placed on the agenda to give the public the opportunity to attend the meeting and give their views if they wish. Following lengthy discussion, it was **AGREED** that the Chairman of Policy & Resources Committee will call a special meeting to discuss the grant application. This meeting will not take place within the time scale required for the submission of the main grant application and is not a guaranteed approval of the £5,000 requested. Cllr. Harris was asked to find out whether the grant body would accept a late decision on this matter.

5. YOUTH MATTERS

- 5.1** Cllr. Adams reported that The Mayor had raised £1,000 for the Cromer Skatepark and has completed the annual accounts. The skatepark has been successful but testing and is not stable. The committee are looking to do more. Cllr. Adams thanked Cllr. Hayhurst for the work he has undertaken including litter picking. Duncan Baker MP has chosen Cromer Skatepark as one of his charities and this contribution will make it sustainable for the next twelve months.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

- 6.1 County Councillor's Report:-** None given.
6.2 District Councillor's Report:- None given.

7. POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

- 7.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 10th August, 2021:-** Proposed and seconded. Cllr. Hayhurst requested that the wording of the resolution under Personnel be discussed. Cllr. Pritchard requested that this matter be discussed in Part II of the meeting as it concerned a member of staff. **AGREED.** The Minutes were **AGREED.**

8. PLANNING TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

8.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 5th August, 2021:- Proposed and seconded. **AGREED.**

9. WORKS & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

9.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd August, 2021:- Proposed and seconded. **AGREED.**

9.2 Minutes of the meeting of the Commemorations and Events Sub-Committee held on 26th August, 2021:- Proposed and seconded. **AGREED.**

10. PROMOTIONS AND EVENTS COMMITTEE

10.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 24th August, 2021:- Proposed and seconded. **AGREED.**

11. COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

11.1 Cllr. Harris gave an update on the working groups who are all continuing to meet to progress the projects being discussed ready to report back to the next meeting.

12. OTHER REPORTS

12.1 Mayor's Report:- Attached.

12.2 Cllr. Harris reported that the Cromer Community Centre has invested in an on line booking system which seems to be working very well. Mondays are now booked for cookery classes for children of various ages.

Cllr. Harris reported that Cromer Football Club has just secured a new lease for the next 4 years. This only includes the building. The piece of land which is between the building and the footway will be cleared of foliage shortly to stop the overgrowth onto the footway. The gas and electrics have been upgraded. The football team is having some success.

Cllr. D. Russell reported that he is attending meetings to discuss cycle paramedics at Wells and other projects that could be introduced.

Cromer Cares Report – attached.

12.3 Armed Forces Covenant:- Cllr. Pritchard gave a report on the reasons why Cromer Town Council should consider signing up to the Armed Forces Covenant and some examples of what could be offered to the armed forces members. It was **AGREED** to adopt the Armed Forces Covenant and a signed copy is attached to these minutes.

12.4 Freedom of Town – NHS:- The Clerk read some information from her investigations which states that the Freedom of a Town can only be given to an individual or to military units. It was **AGREED** that the NHS, together with other bodies in Cromer, will be recognised at the four-day event in June 2022.

It was AGREED to suspend Standing Orders.

12.5 Old Tennis Courts – North Lodge Park:- Following lengthy discussions and a report from Cllr. Pritchard on disabled parking, it was **AGREED** that Cromer Town Council do not agree to having their parking removed from the front of North Lodge as proposed in the business plan submitted by The Friends of North Lodge Park. Further discussion needs to take place on the configuration possibilities of North Lodge Park to make it safer for pedestrians.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

None received.

14. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was noted as 18th October, 2021 at 7pm.

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

AGREED

16. PERSONNEL

16.1 Cllr. Hayhurst presented the minutes of the Policy & Resources Staffing Committee dated 13th August, 23rd August and 2nd September which have been circulated to all Members. **AGREED.**

17. POLICY AND RESOURCES MINUTES – PERSONNEL ITEM

This matter was placed in Part II for discussion of the wording of the item under Personnel in the Minutes dated 10th August to be discussed at length.

Following lengthy, heated discussion the resolution in the Minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee dated 10th August under Personnel were **AGREED.**

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.55 pm

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Chairman

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Dated