

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CROMER TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT NORTH LODGE AT 19:00 ON 18 OCTOBER 2021**

PRESENT

Mayor Cllr. M. Bossingham, Deputy Mayor Cllr. P. West,
Cllr. T. Adams, Cllr. D. Baksh, Cllr. P. Bennett, Cllr. I Cunningham,
Cllr. P. Harris, Cllr. M. Hayhurst, Cllr. R. Leeds, Cllr. D. Pritchard,
Cllr. D. Russell, Cllr. E. Spagnola, 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 David Amess MP.

1. **MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 07 SEPT 2021**

It was **AGREED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 07 Sept 2021, be **APPROVED**. The minutes were signed by the Mayor.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & COUNCILLOR VACANCY**

2.1 Apologies were accepted from Cllr. Bartlett (long standing commitment), Cllr. M. Russell (illness) and Cllr. Yiasimi (illness).

2.2 It was **AGREED** to co-opt Ian Cunningham to fill the casual vacancy. Cllr. Cunningham signed his declaration of acceptance of office which was witnessed by the Clerk.

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

Members declared interests as follows:

Cllr. D. Russell – EEAST

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**

Cromer Exhibition Foundation – It was noted that a grant application may be discussed at the next Policy & Resources Committee meeting.

Skatepark – It was noted that Duncan Baker MP has pledged £1000 from his London Marathon fundraising. Congratulations were offered to Mr. Baker.

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

There were no reports.

7. **POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

7.1 **Minutes of the meetings held on 15 Sept 2021 & 21 Sept 2021**

Cllr. Adams presented the minutes of the meeting held 15 Sept 2021 which were **APPROVED**.

Cllr. Harris provided an update re the Cromer Artspace grant funding application which was unsuccessful at this stage. A further project is to be presented in due course.

It was noted that the area of land at the Pocket Park has been removed from the recent planning application.

Cllr. Leeds presented the minutes of the meeting held on 21 Sept 2021 which were **APPROVED**.

8. **PLANNING TRANSPORTATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

8.1 **Update from Committee**

Members were in receipt of a written update from Cllr. Adams. A further update was provided in respect of the electronic billboard at Station Road.

9. **WORKS & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

9.1 **Update from Committee**

Cllr. Pritchard provided an update in respect of the use of delegated powers to permit the renovation of an old headstone.

9.2 **Commemorations & Events Sub-Committee**

It was noted that Cllr. Pritchard and the Officers are to meet with Rev. Warren later this week to confirm arrangements for Remembrance. A press release detailing the schedule of events will be issued following the meeting.

Cllr. Russell provided a brief update on the Battle of Britain Commemoration held on 15 September.

10. **PROMOTIONS & EVENTS COMMITTEE**

10.1 **Update from Committee**

Cllr. Leeds advised that arrangements for the Christmas events are progressing.

Cllr. West advised that the NYD Fireworks Sub Committee are to meet next week.

11. **COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

11.1 **Update from Committee**

Coach Friendly Town - Cllr. Harris advised that a meeting is yet to be held with NNDC.

Pocket Park - It was noted that the hedging needs to be planted as soon as possible and that the trees will be delivered in January. It was stressed that a maintenance plan needs to be in place as some councils have lost numerous trees due to a lack of aftercare.

The play equipment will be installed in November.

12. **OTHER REPORTS**

12.1 **Reports from Mayor & Deputy Mayor**

Mayor Cllr. M. Bossingham provided a written report on his attendance at various events.

Deputy Mayor Cllr. P. West advised that he had represented the Town Council at the funeral of Dennis Gaff. It was noted that he and Cllr. Adams were helping at the flu and covid vaccination clinics.

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

Cllr. D. Russell – Members were in receipt of a written report from Cllr. Russell.

Cllr. Adams advised that Cromer Cares has now obtained charitable status and will be meeting to discuss setting up their own bank account and their future financial strategy. It was noted that Cllrs. Bennett and Bossingham are now delivering less prescriptions but that there are still 30-40 people on the referral list. The current pressure is on transport to medical appointments. Thanks were given to Cllr. Hayhurst and Cunnington for all their help

Cllr. Harris reminded members that Cromer Artspace are hosting a festival over the next two weeks. It was noted that some young people have been trained to use the sound and lighting systems at the Community Centre.

Cllr. Bossingham advised that the Twinning Association are arranging a trip to France over the Summer Solstice in 2022 and that the twin towns have been invited to attend Cromer's commemorative weekend in June 2022.

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

There was no correspondence to report.

14. **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:** 29 November 2021 at 7pm (Budget meeting)

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. **POLICY & RESOURCES STAFFING COMMITTEE**

Cllr. Hayhurst provided an update in respect of staffing matters. It was **AGREED** to obtain legal advice to find a solution to the situation. It was stressed that members need to see the minutes of meetings and that good communication should be maintained with all concerned.

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the meeting at 7.55pm

Signed

Dated