



Newmarket

TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Newmarket Town Council
held on Monday 29th January 2018 at 6.00 pm
at the Memorial Hall, High Street, Newmarket, Suffolk, CB8 8JP

Attendance:

Councillor A Drummond (Town Mayor)
Councillor C Appleby
Councillor J Clarke
Councillor W Hirst
Councillor R Hood
Councillor D Hudson

Councillor P Hulbert
Councillor M Jefferys
Councillor J Lay
Councillor J Morrey
Councillor C O'Neill (6:15pm)
Councillor P Winter (6:25pm)
Councillor D Wright

Also Present: Roberta Bennett – TCM, Julie Ashton – Minute Assistant, Gillian Padbury – Administrator, Chris Pyburn – SCC Public Health SCC, Graham Philpott – Newmarket BID and 1 Member of the Press.

Minute

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| 18/01/1 | <p><u>FIRE SAFETY BRIEFING AND ANNOUNCEMENT THAT PROCEEDINGS MAY BE FILMED OR RECORDED</u></p> <p>The Mayor opened the meeting and read out the Fire Safety Briefing and the announcement that the meeting may be filmed or recorded.</p> |
| 18/01/2 | <p><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – LGA 1972, Section 85(1) & (2)</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllrs, Anderson, Berry, Nobbs, Starkey and Wadham.</p> |
| 18/01/3 | <p><u>DECLARATION OF MEMBER'S INTERESTS AND TO REMIND COUNCILLORS OF THE NEED TO KEEP UP TO DATE THEIR REGISTER OF MEMBER'S INTERESTS AND TO CONSIDER ANY REQUESTS RECEIVED FOR MEMBERS DISPENSATION</u></p> <p>None noted.</p> |
| 18/01/4 | <p><u>TO RECEIVE AND CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2017 AND ANY MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <p>The Town Mayor presented the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 18th December 2017 and the following was agreed:</p> <p><u>18/01/4.01 Resolved</u>
That the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 18th December 2017 be adopted and signed as a correct record by the Town Mayor.</p> |

There were no matters arising.

18/01/5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AN INVITATION TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO PUT QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS OF NOT MORE THAN 3 MINUTES DURATION. NO RESOLUTIONS CAN BE MADE BUT COUNCILLORS ARE VERY HAPPY FOR MATTERS RELATING TO THE TOWN TO BE BROUGHT TO THEIR ATTENTION

None noted.

18/01/6 The Mayor proposed that item 7 be brought forward and the following was agreed:

18/01/6.01 Resolved

That item 7 Presentation on mental health from SCC be brought forward.

18/01/7 PRESENTATION AND UPDATE FROM SCC REGARDING ONGOING WORK TO IMPROVE THE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH OF NEWMARKET RESIDENTS

Chris Pyburn SCC Health and Wealth Manager gave a presentation on the action plan to improve the mental and physical health for Newmarket residents. The team would be seeking to work with all partners in the Town and requested that NTC support the ongoing activity of the team listed in the action plan and to receive future updates on progress.

A member of the press joined the meeting.

The Mayor thanked Chris for his presentation and that NTC would look forward to receiving further updates.

Cllr Winter joined the meeting and Chris Pyburn left the meeting.

18/01/8 TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM WINTERCOMFORT

The Mayor advised that Simon Pickering from Wintercomfort had given his apologies and the TCM delivered the slide show that he was due to present.

Wintercomfort is a Cambridge charity delivering services to the homeless providing breakfast, shower facilities, laundry facilities and support. It was noted that there were no facilities in Newmarket to support the homeless and the Mayor had introduced Newmarket BID to Wintercomfort to look at introducing collection points throughout the Town for the charity as an alternative to giving donations to beggars/homeless.

It was suggested that the Day Centre could be used as a venue for providing breakfast and other services and that the scheme should be advertised to inform residents. After further discussion the following was agreed:

18/01/8.01 Resolved

That NTC work with Newmarket BID to support Wintercomfort.

18/01/9 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Hood advised that she was involved with the Rural Transport consultation for rural communities. A letter regarding the covenant for Scaltback School had been drafted and would be issued this week. She was also working on the

Newmarket Vision issues to ensure that the aims are achieved and a number of complaints had been received regarding the Snailwell Road horse crossing. A proposal was made to invite residents to a meeting to discuss the concerns and the following was agreed:

18/01/9.01 Resolved

That a meeting be held in the Memorial Hall for residents to discuss concerns related to horse crossings in the Town with the Jockey Club Estates.

There was no report from Cllr Millar.

18/01/10 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

The Mayor advised that the merger of Bury St Edmunds and FHDC to Form West Suffolk was progressing well.

18/01/11 TO RECEIVE THE TOWN MAYOR'S AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported the following:

20th December – Attended a photo opportunity with the Gymnastic Club at the Racing Centre

15th January – Took part in the Mann in the Morning show at BBC Radio Cambridge regarding homelessness and begging

21st January – Attended the Interfaith Day at the Memorial Hall with Newmarket Churches and Newmarket Muslims

22nd January – Attended a Newmarket Vision meeting

Cllr Appleby did not vote on the following item.

18/01/12 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES AND CONSIDER ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE D&P COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 8TH AND 22ND JANUARY 2018

The Chairman of the Development & Planning Committee presented the report and recommendations from the Development & Planning Committee meetings held on 8th and 22nd January 2018. There were no recommendations.

18/01/13 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES AND ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 8TH JANUARY 2018

The Chairman of the Leisure Services Committee presented the report and recommendations from the Leisure Services Committee meetings held on 8th January 2018.

18/01/11.01 Resolved (L/18/01/9.01 Recommendation)

That the draft budget for the Leisure Services Committee 2018/2019 be accepted.

18/01/11.02 Resolved (L/18/01/10.01 Recommendation)

That the quote from Newmarket Decorators Ltd be accepted for the Memorial Hall and the Severals.

18/01/14 TO CONFIRM THAT THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR 15TH AND 22ND JANUARY 2018 WERE NOT HELD

It was confirmed that the HR meetings scheduled for 15th and 22nd January 2018 were not held.

The Mayor advised that the item to receive the minutes of the Community Services Committee had been omitted from the agenda. TCM advised that some items not listed on the agenda could be added at the meeting.

18/01/15 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES AND ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 22ND JANUARY 2018

The Mayor presented the report and recommendations from the Community Services Committee meeting held on 22nd January 2018.

18/01/15.01 Resolved (C/18/01/7.01 Recommendation)

That any underspend be placed in an earmarked reserve to fund projects for the War Memorial, Clock Tower and play area in the Memorial Gardens.

18/01/15.02 Resolved (C/18/01/8.01 Recommendation)

That subject to the amendment being made, the draft Community Services budget for 2018/19 be received and adopted.

18/01/15.03 Resolved (C/18/01/12.01 Recommendation)

That subject to consultation with the FHDC landscape scheme, that the designer Thomas Hoblyn be appointed to provide a design scheme for the planting at the Clock Tower for an initial cost of £1,600.

18/01/16 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES AND ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE TOWN COUNCIL AND FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 22ND JANUARY 2018

The Mayor presented the report and recommendations from the Town Council and Finance & Policy Committee meeting held on 22nd January 2018.

18/01/13.01 Resolved (F/18/01/6.01 Recommendation)

That the ratification of the schedules of payments for the period 01/12/2017 – 31/12/2017 (Cash Book 1, 2 and 4) be received and adopted.

18/01/17 TO REVIEW EARMARKED RESERVES AND GENERAL RESERVES

Members reviewed the Earmarked and General Reserves and TCM was asked to confirm the amount held for item 311 Play Equipment which was currently showing £10,000 but should be £70,000.

TCM advised that there was no need for an Earmarked Reserve for item 332 PWLB Loan Repayments as this was budgeted for each year and the following was agreed:

18/01/17.01 Resolved

That item 332 EMR PWLB Loan Repayments of £6,000 be transferred to item 310 EMR General Fund.

18/01/18 TO REVIEW INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR NOVEMBER 2017

The income and expenditure for November 2017 were reviewed and noted.

18/01/19 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON NETWORK RAIL AND THE WEATHERBY CROSSING

Members were advised that more letters of support had been received and that the Jockey Club Estates had written to the Secretary of State to request that it should not be closed. A meeting with the Solicitors would be held a week before the hearing to go over the questions. The Network Rail proof documents had been received and the letters of support from residents would be presented to the Inspector. The suggested Network Rail diversion route was not acceptable and this would also be presented to the hearing.

18/01/20 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON COUNCILLOR SURGERIES

Members were advised that only two residents had attended despite the event being advertised and a concern regarding a sign on the railway requesting train drivers to blow a whistle when approaching the Weatherby Crossing had been removed. Other concerns were raised regarding parking on pavements and wheelie bins being left out preventing residents from using the pavements.

Thanks were given to staff and Cllr Lay for their support but due to low numbers no further surgeries were planned,

18/01/21 TO RECEIVE REPORT(S) FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS ELECTED AS REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

Cllr Lay advised that the meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner had been cancelled at short notice and a new date had been arranged.

Cllr Hulbert advised that Stage Coach were reducing the bus service from Newmarket to Cambridge from two to one.

18/01/22 WARD REPORT(S) FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS

Cllr Wright requested that the chewing gum on the pavements at the bus station be removed. The Studland's Neighbourhood Watch had reported an increase in thefts from vehicles. Speeding was also a continuing issue and needed to be addressed.

Cllr Hirst presented a report on behalf of Cllr Berry regarding issues on the Bury Road and Rayes Lane horse walks. It was noted that these could be discussed at the meeting of residents and the Jockey Club Estates. A new issue was raised at the post box in Snailwell Road with reports of vehicles damaging the grass verge when stopping to post letters.

18/01/23 TO CONSIDER A DRAFT REPORT RELATING TO LEISURE IN NEWMARKET

The draft report was considered and the following was agreed:

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The Mayor being the FHDC Portfolio holder for Leisure and Culture declared an interest in the following item and did not vote

18/01/23.01 Resolved

That NTC support the proposal to appoint a consultant to conduct a feasibility study for the provision of a Newmarket Sporting Hub.

18/01/24 NEWMARKET NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Newmarket Neighbourhood Plan report was reviewed and received, and the following was agreed:

18/01/24.01 Resolved

That subject to the following amendments being made, the Terms of Reference of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group be approved and adopted.

To delete members

Councillor Chris O'Neill

Councillor Amy Starkey

Councillor Philippa Winter

Isabelle Barrett

Marie Smith

To add as a voting member

Councillor Andy Drummond

To add as non - voting members

Roberta Bennett

Boyd Nicholas

18/01/24.02 Resolved

That the Parish online software at a cost of £700 +VAT per annum be purchased.

18/01/24.03 Resolved

That the following be appointed as members of the Sports Hub Project Team:

Damien Parker Leisure & Cultural Services Manager

Warren Smyth CEO of Abbeycroft Leisure Trust

NNPSG members:

Cllr Rachel Hood Chair, Cllr Michael Jefferys Vice Chair, Cllr Andy Drummond, Roberta Bennett (TCM), Rachel Wood, Julian Wilson, Sara Beckett

18/01/25 TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and noted:

- a. West Suffolk Electoral Review Survey – Members were encouraged to complete the questionnaire.
- b. Letter relating to FHDC from Inspector regarding the Local Plan – the following was agreed:

18/01/25.01 Resolved

That the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the D&P Committee along with

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the TCM be given delegated powers to draft a response. That the draft be presented to the next D&P Committee meeting who have delegated powers to resolve it as the response must be submitted before 21st February 2018.

- c. Reply from FHDC to Inspector regarding the Local Plan.
- d. Email form FHDC relating to Strategic Framework

18/01/26 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
Monday 26th February 2018 at 6.00pm.

18/01/27 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- Weatherby Crossing
- Wintercomfort
- Newmarket Map

18/01/28 *EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS & PUBLIC*****

With the vote being unanimous, it was:

18/01/28.01 Resolved

To resolve that under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded for the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure of private and confidential information or staff matters.

The Press and Graham Philpott left the meeting.

The Mayor proposed that item 30 be brought forward and the following was agreed:

18/01/28.01 Resolved

That item 30 be brought forward.

18/01/29 *TO CONSIDER MAKING CONFIDENTIAL APPLICATION RELATING TO NEWMARKET*****

Members considered the request and the following was agreed:

18/01/29.01 Resolved

That a confidential application relating to Newmarket be submitted.

18/01/30 *TO CONSIDER NEXT STEPS RELATING TO AN AWARD*****

Members discussed the next steps. Further information would be sought and the discussion would be continued at the next Town Council meeting

Meeting closed at 8:20pm

Signed : _____

Date : _____