

MABLETHORPE AND SUTTON TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL**

Held on 20th January 2020

Present: Cllr C Tebbutt (in the Chair)
Cllrs A Benjamin T Brown Ms S Carruthers
Mrs J Cook G Cullen Mrs B Cundliffe
B Dobbs S Holland A Howard
A Mee C Matthews Mrs H Matthews
D Mellor G Parkhurst Miss H Parkhurst
D Richardson P Russell Mrs A Wain

In attendance: Mr S Fletcher (Town Clerk)
Mrs S Archibald (Deputy Clerk)

Also present: 15 members of the public
Ms Lydia Rusling (ELDC) (part)
Ms Rachel Baker (part)

Prior to the commencement of the meeting there was a short presentation by Lydia Rusling, Head of Organisational Improvement and Development at ELDC, who gave a presentation on the formation of the Joint Town Board, proposed to facilitate the development of projects to allow access to the multi-million pound Government Coastal Towns fund secured for Mablethorpe and Skegness; this was followed by a brief question and answer session.

The Chairman opened the public forum and a representative from Coastal Events CiC made a statement to the Council in respect of Mablethorpe Bike Night 2020.

In the absence of the Police there was no report. ELDC Councillor A Howard gave an oral update, as did Cllr G Cullen with regard to LCC matters,

Prayers were led by Rachel Baker from the Churches Together group and the meeting opened at 7.38 p.m.

76. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

77. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE LOCALISM ACT 2011

For the purpose of openness and transparency, Cllrs C and Mrs H Matthews wished to make retrospective declarations of non-pecuniary interest in respect of the meeting of the Events Working Group, held on 7th January 2020, specifically with regard to the ELR50 project.

78. TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 25TH NOVEMBER 2019

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That the notes of the meeting of the Council held on 25th November 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

79. **TO RECEIVE THE NOTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS AND ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS AS INDICATED**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That the acts, proceedings and recommendations of the following committees be approved:

- i) Planning Committee 2nd December 2019 and 13th January 2020
- ii) Events Working Group 7th January 2020

Note: Whilst the Town Council received the notes of the meeting of the Events Working Group of 7th January 2020, it did not at this time approve the recommendation at minute 5 therein with respect to Mablethorpe Bike Night 2020 and the group are tasked with revisiting the subject in light of the statement made by Coastal Events CiC, with any further proposal to be brought back to a future meeting of the Town Council.

The Town Clerk advised the Council that although the Town Council had legislative power to organise and hold events, the Town Council could not become an “Events” business.

80. **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE TOWN MAYOR, TOWN COUNCIL’S WORKING GROUPS, REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND THE TOWN CLERK**

Cllr G Parkhurst gave a brief update on the winter activities of Mablethorpe in Bloom. Cllr Miss H Parkhurst wished to highlight the service for Holocaust Memorial Day. The Town Clerk’s report was tabled.

81. **JOINT TOWN BOARD**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That Cllr C Tebbutt be nominated as the Town Council representative on the Joint Town Board.

82. **THE BOATSHED BUILDING – LEASE SURRENDER**

Due to the failure of agreement being reached on the previously proposed asset transfer of the Boatshed building to Coastal Events CiC, the Town Council was asked to approve surrender of the lease to ELDC to enable this to be assigned to a third party.

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That the Town Council approves the surrender of the lease of the Boatshed building forthwith to ELDC to enable ELDC to assign to a third party.

83. **CCTV SEVEN TOWNS PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That the Town Council authorises the Mayor and the Town Clerk to sign the CCTV Seven Towns Partnership Agreement for the period of 3 years commencing 1st January 2020, which document was duly signed and sealed.

84. **REPRESENTATIVE ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: (a) That Cllr P Russell be appointed as representative on the Mablethorpe Carnival Committee 2020; and (b) That Cllr A Benjamin and Mr O Monk be appointed as representatives on the Young Person’s Forum.

85. **TO FORMALLY ACCEPT A LEGACY**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: (a) That the Town Council accepts, with thanks, the legacy in the sum of £2000 by the late Mr Brian (Bud) Shields MBE, given with the intention of restoration of the lion-head statue at the Sutton on Sea pullover;
(b) that the Town Clerk is instructed to liaise with ELDC to arrange delegated responsibility and to seek quotations for the restoration and future maintenance (including the stabilisation of the lion figure heads) of the original section of the sea defence located at the Sutton on Sea pullover; and
(c) that the original plaque be restored/replaced as necessary, with the addition of a plaque in recognition of the legacy donation,

86. **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That the Town Council accepts, with thanks, (under the Local Government Act 1972 s.12 (18)) the gift of two photographic portraits of members of the Dales' family, prominent Mablethorpe business proprietors of the 19th century, and a framed copy of the Town Crest, donated by Mablethorpe library and to arrange safekeeping of the same.

87. **UPDATE AND REQUEST FROM COASTAL EVENTS CIC**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: (a) That the return of the grant cheque in the amount of £375 previously awarded to Coastal Events CiC for a proposed fireworks extravaganza, cancelled due to severe weather, be noted;
(b) that, due to the sensitive nature of the request for a contribution towards reimbursement of out of pocket expenses in relation to the cancelled event, and the use of public funds in this regard, this matter be deferred to the end of the meeting and discussed in closed session.

88. **LGPS DISCRETIONS STATEMENT - SCHEME EMPLOYERS**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That the LGPS Discretions Statement - Scheme Employers (updated to include the recent LGA clarification on partial flexible retirement) be approved; the publishing and issuing of the statement to **all employees** in order to comply with *Regulation 60 (statements of policy about exercise of discretionary functions) of the LGPS Regulations 2013* and *paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 of the LGPS Transitional Regulations 2014* (attached) be noted, and the Town Clerk instructed to write to each member of staff and include a copy of such documentation.

89. **TO AUTHORISE THE SIGNING OF ORDERS FOR PAYMENT AND TO NOTE INCOME FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2019.**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: (a) That orders for **payment** made to the sum of **£56,181.83** in November 2019 and **£24,756.96** in December 2019 be approved and (b) that **income** for November 2019 in the sum of **£15,581.61** and **£20,947.20** in December 2019 be noted.

90. **TO RESOLVE TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 DUE TO THE SENSITIVE NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED IN RELATION TO THE FOLLOWING MATTER:-**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That the Town Council moves into closed session in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the sensitive nature of the business to be discussed in relation to the following matter:

Request from Coastal Events CiC for a contribution towards reimbursement of out of pocket expenses in relation to a cancelled fireworks event

This part of the meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

The meeting continued in the absence of press and public. (Not for publication by virtue of Section 100(a) para. 4 of the Local Government Act 1972, the items being of a confidential nature)

Minute arising from confidential item:-

91. **REQUEST FROM COASTAL EVENTS CIC**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That the Town Council cannot support or fund any out of pocket expenses of Coastal Events CiC as it is not within its remit and there is no legislation to allow such payments; it was noted that the Town Council would, in accordance with its Event Grants policy, consider future grant applications from this group.

The meeting closed at 8.48 p.m.