

MABLETHORPE AND SUTTON TOWN COUNCIL

NOTES OF A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Held on 14th December 2020

<u>Present (in person):</u>	Cllr C Tebbutt (in the Chair)		
	Cllrs Ms S Carruthers	G Cullen	B Dobbs
	S Holland	A Howard	C Matthews
	Mrs H Matthews	A Mee	D Mellor
	G Parkhurst		
<u>Present (via Zoom):</u>	Cllrs T Brown	Mrs B Cundliffe	D Richardson
	Miss H Parkhurst	P Russell	Mrs A Wain
<u>Absent:</u>	Cllr A Benjamin, Mrs J Cook		
<u>In attendance:</u>	Mr S Fletcher (Town Clerk)		
	Mrs S Archibald (Deputy Clerk) via zoom		
	3 members of the public (via zoom)		

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Mr R Toombes made a short presentation to The Town Council in respect of an offer of land to be used for Affordable Housing in Sutton on Sea, this was followed by a short question and answer session, the item being considered at agenda item 5.

A public forum ensued with no questions from the public present via zoom, Cllr Ms S Carruthers wished to thank Cllr Mrs H Matthews for her assistance with procuring Christmas lights for Mablethorpe; the Mayor read out a statement from ELDC in this regard.

A report of the Police had been tabled.

In the absence of a representative of the local Churches Together community, a short bible reading was made by the Mayor who then led the Council in reciting the Lord's Prayer.

30. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The meeting was advised that apologies with valid reasons for absence had been received from Cllrs A Benjamin and Mrs J Cook.

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That apologies with valid reasons for absence be accepted from Cllrs A Benjamin and Mrs J Cook.

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

Cllrs Ms S Carruthers, G Cullen, S Holland, A Howard, Mrs H Matthews and D Richardson each wished to declare non-pecuniary interests in respect of agenda item 14, with regard to their individual involvement with one or other of the charities/organisations mentioned.

Cllr A Howard also wished to declare a non-pecuniary interest in respect of land at Sutton on Sea as a Member of ELDC.

Cllr C Matthews wished to declare a non-pecuniary interest in respect of land at Sutton on Sea as a near neighbour.

32. **TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 26TH OCTOBER 2020**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That the official minutes of the Annual meeting of the Council held on 26th October 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

33. **TO RECEIVE THE NOTES OF THE FOLLOWING REMOTE SUBMISSIONS AND RATIFY AND ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS AS INDICATED**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That the acts, proceedings and recommendations of the remote submissions be approved:

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34. **OFFER OF LAND FOR PROVISION OF COMMUNITY HOUSING AT SUTTON ON SEA**

Following an in depth discussion around the issue and having heard from the landowner:-

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: (a) That a Working Group be formed to explore in detail the implications of accepting the offer of land for community housing approved under planning application N/110/00529/17.

It was further

Resolved: (b) that the Working Group comprises Cllrs G Cullen, Ms S Carruthers, Mrs B Cundliffe, S Holland, C Matthews, Mrs H Matthews, A Mee and Mrs A Wain.

Note: Cllr Mrs H Matthews' participation to be determined following inquiry as to whether her position as a Member of ELDC Planning Committee would prove a conflict of interest.

35. **CONCLUSION OF AUDIT 2019/20**

The comments of the external Auditor in relation to the Conclusion of Audit 2019/20 were noted.

36. **RESOLUTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH FINANCIAL REGULATION 6.7**

In accordance with Financial Regulation 6.7

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved That the Town Council's continued use of a variable direct debit for utility supplies, bank charges and income payment service charges as appropriate for the 2021/22 period be approved.

37. **LCC GRASS CUTTING AGREEMENT 2021/22**

The Town Council's continuance in the Parish Agreement Scheme for the 2021/22 grass cutting season on behalf of LCC was noted.

38. **INTERNAL AUDIT ARRANGEMENTS 2021- 2022**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That the Town Council agrees the continuation of current internal audit arrangement (four Council partnership, being Alford Town Council, Louth Town Council, Mablethorpe & Sutton Town Council and Skegness Town Council) as per Internal Audit guidance, prescribed in Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities in England 2020.

39. **EAST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION – COMPULSORY CCTV IN TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES.**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That the Town Council submits a corporate response strongly supporting mandatory use of CCTV in Taxi and Private Hire Vehicles within the ELDC area.

40. **REQUEST TO ADOPT BUS SHELTERS ALFORD ROAD, MABLETHORPE (A1104) (GRANGE LEISURE)**

Following a full debate:-

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That the Town Council agrees to adopt and maintain no.2 bus shelters as part of planning requirements for bus shelters outside Grange Leisure Park.

41. **DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO EXPEDITE DECISIONS BETWEEN MEETINGS**

In light of ongoing Covid related restrictions:-

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That delegation of authority to be granted to the Town Clerk in consultation with a group of Members comprising the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chair of Planning Committee and Cllr Ms S Carruthers in order to deal with day-to-day issues as they may arise between meetings during this period of restrictions.

42. **GRANT AWARD (INCOME)**

The receipt of a grant award in the amount of £750 from the Western Power Distribution 'In this Together' fund along with the spending criteria limits the use of funds was noted.

43. **TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUNDING**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That the Town Council approves community support funding to the following community groups and in the following amounts:

	Charity/ Organisation	Amount Requested £	Purpose	Amount Awarded £
a	Coastal Community Team Sutton on Sea Community Food Larder	5,000.00	Food parcel provision	5,000.00
b	Mablethorpe & Sutton Good Neighbour Scheme	3,900.00	Annual community service delivery costs	3,900.00
c	Hope House Mablethorpe	1,000.00	Fresh meal provision	1,000.00
d	Furnichurch – Mablethorpe Food Larder	2,500.00	Food parcel provision	5,000.00
e	Mablethorpe Primary Academy	100.00	To purchase items for hampers families in need	100.00

Note: (i) It was resolved to increase the funding awarded to Furnichurch on the sum requested to bring parity with Sutton on Sea food larder funding request/award;
(ii) It was requested that a suitable document be presented for adoption to allow future Community Resilience Funding awards to include criteria and terms under which future funding support applications would be made. The Town Clerk advised that the draft document (March 2020) would be revisited and presented at a future meeting.

44. **NORTH END WATER ISSUE**

The ongoing issue at North End, Mablethorpe, with egress of water onto carriageway from sources unknown and receipt of an independent surveyor's report (commissioned by the Town Clerk's office) was noted.

45. **TO AUTHORISE THE SIGNING OF ORDERS FOR PAYMENT AND TO NOTE INCOME FOR OCTOBER 2020.**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That orders for **payment** made to the sum of **£42,464.57** in October 2020 and that **income** for October 2020 in the sum of **£20,803.89** be noted and approved.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m. with the Chairman wishing all present a Happy Christmas and a better New Year in prospect for 2021.