

MABLETHORPE AND SUTTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Held on 13th November 2023

Present:

Cllr	P Russell (in the Chair (part))		
Cllr	C Arnold (in the Chair (part))		
Cllrs	C Arnold	I Bailey	S Bristow
	V Clark	L Cooper	G Cullen
	K Marnoch	D Mellor	M Nicholson
	G Parkhurst	J Rastall	S Rayment
	C Tebbutt	D Tyler	R Watson
	M Wellby		

Absent:

Cllr	S Holland	R Bramall
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In attendance:

Mr S Fletcher (Town Clerk)

Also present:

6 members of the public
Cllrs C Matthews (LCC) N Sear (LCC)

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Mayor, Cllr P Russell, invited those present to observe a one-minute silence following the recent sad passing of Mr Ian Archibald and to show both individual and corporate support to the Deputy Clerk.

The Mayor advised that Cllr C Arnold would chair the meeting on his behalf due to vocal issues.

A report of the Town Clerk along with a Community Safety update report (incorporating police data) by Cllr G Parkhurst were tabled.

Oral reports of the District and County Councillors were noted.

Prayers were led by Mr N Collins

The meeting commenced 7.26 p.m.

57. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The meeting was advised that apologies with valid reasons for absence had been received from Cllrs S Holland and R Bramall

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That apologies be noted with valid reasons for absence accepted from Cllrs S Holland and R Bramall

58. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE LOCALISM ACT 2011**

Cllr V Clark wished to declare non-pecuniary interests in respect of agenda item 8 as a volunteer member of the Sutton Food Larder and advised he would not participate in the voting on this item.

59. **TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 5TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That the official minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 5th September 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

It was noted that it had been identified that ELDC owned and was responsible for the lighting equipment discussed at the previous meeting of the Town Council (minute 50, TC 05.09.2023), therefore no further action was necessary.

60. **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) Administration Committee 30th October 2023
- ii) Planning Committee 2nd October and 6th November 2023

61. **TO RECEIVE BRIEF REPORTS FROM THE TOWN MAYOR, TOWN CLERK AND REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES (ORAL OR TABLED)**

The Mayor gave a brief update, advising 37 events and functions had been attended between August and October with his Consort, Cllr S Holland and/or the Deputy Mayor, Cllr C Arnold.

Representative	Body	Description
Town Clerk	M&STC	Update Report
Cllr G Parkhurst	Community Safety	Report

62. **REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDIT 2022/2023**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That the Town Council receives and accepts the report of External Auditor, PKF Littlejohn, in respect of the 2022/23 Annual Audit and Governance Accountability Return (AGAR) was received and accepted.

63. **BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2024/25**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That the Town Council accepts the recommendation of the Administration Committee with regard to budget and precept proposals for 2024/25 (as attached) and instructs the Town Clerk & RFO to submit the precept demand in the amount of £683,893 to East Lindsey District Council in due course.

The Town Clerk & RFO reiterated the point made in the recent Administration Committee that he had advised caution, noting whilst this action kept the precept demand for 2024/25 within expected inflation percentages, a substantial percentage increase would be necessary in future years to operate effectively to deliver current services, noting there had been an overall budgetary increase of 19.08% since 2022/23.

64. **COMMUNITY RESILIENCE & WARM SPACES SUPPORT FUND - AUTUMN & WINTER PERIOD 2023/24**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That the Town Council supports the re-introduction of the community support fund to assist local initiatives to operate warm spaces in community facilities and support local foodbanks for residents of the parish with application open between 20th November 2023 and 31st March 2024 with funding of up to £50,000 (in total) to be made available by written application, during the above period from general reserves.

65. **FUNDING REQUEST – ST. CLEMENTS CHURCH HALL**

It was proposed and seconded that the Town Council support the funding request from St. Clements Church Hall and gives £2,000 towards the cost of refurbishment works to be met from general grants, which motion on being put to the vote was declared **LOST**.

It was further proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That the Town Council supports the funding request from St. Clements Church Hall and gives up to £5,729.67 towards the cost of refurbishment works to be met from general grants and youth engagement budgets. It was noted that the Town Clerk would work with the applicants to seek best value in respect of 'white goods' donation.

66. **CHRISTMAS MARKET EVENT – UPDATE**

Cllr C Tebbutt gave an update on preparations for the Christmas Market Event scheduled for Saturday 9th December 2023 and encouraged elected Member support on the day.

67. **REPAIRS - MERIDALE CENTRE, SUTTON ON SEA**

Necessary repairs to Meridale Hall being replacement windows and emergency fire door in the amount of £4,860 (including VAT) were noted.

68. **FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

a) **BANK BALANCES**

To note bank balances as of 26th October 2023 (latest statements)

Account ending 3703	£ 377,421.91	Account ending 4082	£ 98,850.32
Account ending 2423	£ 8,153.72	Account ending 8803	£ 1,873.67
Investment Account CCLA	£ 850,000.00	Interest 01.07.23 to 31.07.23	£ 3,520.43
		Interest 01.08.23 to 31.08.23	£ 3,681.96
		Interest 01.09.23 to 30.09.23	£ 3,479.46

Members noted the foregoing.

b) **TO AUTHORISE SIGNING OF ORDERS FOR PAYMENT AND TO NOTE INCOME FOR AUGUST 2023 AND SEPTEMBER 2023**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That (a) Orders for **payment** made in the sum of **£96,660.73** in August 2023 and **£74,645.34** in September 2023 be authorised and (b) **income** received in the amounts of **£14,880.42** in August 2023 and **£337,889.41** in September 2023 be noted.

The meeting closed at 8.05 p.m.