

MABLETHORPE AND SUTTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
Held on 28th October 2024

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

Absent: Cllrs P Russell D Tyler

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

Also present: 5 members of the public
Cllr C Matthews (LCC)
Mrs P Pike (part)

Prior to the commencement of the meeting presentations were made to the Town Crier, David Summers, for his achievements in the Sleaford Town Crier Championships and to Cllrs C Tebbutt and R Watson on the occasion of their significant birthdays; rounds of applause ensued.

A local resident wished to urge the Council to look favourably in the budget of considering increasing support for local community groups delivering events across the Parish.

Oral reports of District and County Councils were provided by Cllrs R Watson and Cllr C Matthews.

Prayers were led by Mrs Patsy Pike.

The meeting commenced 7.25 p.m.

52. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The meeting was advised that apologies with valid reasons for absence had been received from Cllrs P Russell and D Tyler.

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That apologies be noted with valid reasons for absence accepted from Cllrs P Russell and D Tyler.

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

There were none.

54. TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 9TH SEPTEMBER 2024

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That the official minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 9th September 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

55. 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 7th October 2024
- ii) Extra Ordinary Administration Committee 8th August 2024 and Administration Committee 21st October 2024

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

The Mayor gave a brief update on events and function attended to date and advised of forthcoming fundraising activities.

Representative	Body	Description
Cllr G Parkhurst	Police & Crime	Tabled report
Cllr R Watson	SELCAN	Tabled report
	CCTV	Minutes / Verbal report
Town Clerk	M&STC	Tabled Report

The Town Clerk advised that works to the Trusthorpe pumping station were near completion and elected Members would be invited to visit during November 2024. The Town Clerk further advised that the application for trees via LCC's Kings Orchard had been successful.

57. **FUNDING REQUEST – LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE (MABLETHORPE) FOR THE ATLANTIS ALLIANCE "COLLABORATIVE COASTAL WORKING" PROJECT.**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That the Town Council supports a funding request from Lincolnshire Police (Mablethorpe) up to £350.00 for a licence fee, payable to the Environment Agency to further support the proposed Multi - Agency Hub, Mablethorpe Foreshore. It was noted that legal fees to amend the lease between ELDC and the Town Council of up to £1,000 would be payable.

58. **REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDIT 2023/2024**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That the Town Council received and accepted the report of the External Auditor, PKF Littlejohn, in respect of the 2023/24 Annual Audit and Governance Accountability Return (AGAR).

59. **BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2025/26**

It was proposed that the budgeted maximum event grant of £6,000 per event be increased to £10,000 per event, which motion on being put to the vote was declared **LOST**.

Cllr C Arnold requested (as per standing order 16) a recorded vote.

Votes for: Cllrs C Arnold, V Clark, S Holland, K Marnoch, G Parkhurst, J Rastall and C Tebbutt.

Votes Against: Cllrs I Bailey, S Bristow, L Cooper, G Cullen, D Mellor, M Nicholson, H Parkhurst, S Rayment, R Watson and M Wellby.

It was further proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That the Town Council accepts the recommendation of the Administration Committee with regard to budget and precept proposals for 2025/26 (as attached) and instructs the Town Clerk & RFO to submit the precept demand in the amount of £806,004 to East Lindsey District Council in due course.

60. **COMMUNITY RESILIENCE & WARM SPACES SUPPORT FUND - AUTUMN & WINTER PERIOD 2024/25**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That the Town Council supports the re-introduction of the Community Resilience and Warm Spaces Support Fund to assist local initiatives to operate warm spaces in community facilities and support local foodbanks for residents of the parish with applications open between 18th November 2024 and 1st February 2025 with maximum funding of up to £30,000 (total) (reduced from £50,000 fund allocation 2023/24) to be made available from general reserves by written application, during the above period.

Cllr G Parkhurst requested (as per standing order 16) a recorded vote.

Votes for: Cllrs C Arnold, S Bristow, V Clark, G Cullen, D Mellor, G Parkhurst, H Parkhurst, J Rastall, S Rayment, C Tebbutt, R Watson and M Wellby.

Votes Against: Cllrs I Bailey, L Cooper, S Holland, K Marnoch, M Nicholson.

Note: Following the above discussion, the Town Clerk reiterated the responsibility of elected Members to ensure that their DPI forms were up to date.

61. **GRANT FUNDING / DONATIONS UPDATE**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That the Town Council ratifies the following grant and equipment donations

	Applicant	Event	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
A	Beach Bar Boxing Club	Equipment Purchase	£100	£200 (cheque payment)
B	Mablethorpe Area Partnership	Sutton Christmas Event	£5,000	£2,500 (to be invoiced by service provider(s))

Application **A** was unanimously agreed. Cllr I Bailey requested (as per standing order 16) a recorded vote on application **B**.

Votes for: Cllrs C Arnold, S Bristow, V Clark, L Cooper, S Holland, M Nicholson, G Cullen, J Rastall, C Tebbutt, R Watson and M Wellby.

Votes Against: Cllrs I Bailey, D Mellor, S Rayment

Abstentions: Cllrs K Marnoch, G Parkhurst (having previously declared a non-pecuniary interest in the matter under discussion) and H Parkhurst.

62. **CONTINENTAL MARKET / ILLUMINATIONS EVENT 2024 AND TO AGREE DATES FOR 2025**

Updates and positive feedback on the successful events for 2024 were received and it was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That the following events be held in 2025:

- Continental Market 19th to 21st April 2025
- Continental Market 25th to 27th July 2025
- Illuminations Event 26th July 2025

Note: The Chairman wished thanks to be noted for Cllr C Tebbutt, together with the Town Clerk, for their tireless work in delivering successful events in the Parish. All concurred and a round of applause ensued.

63. **FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

A) **BANK BALANCES**

Reconciled bank balances as at 10th October 2024 (latest received statement(s)).

Account ending 3703 £ 559,068.24 Account ending 4082 £ 100,311.58

Account ending 2423 £ 8,274.25 Account ending 8803 £ 1,694.77(30.07.24)

Investment Account CCLA £ 850,000.00 Interest – July 2024 £ 3,739.05
August 2024 £ 3,519.27 +

Members noted the foregoing. £ 117.25

b) **TO AUTHORISE SIGNING OF ORDERS FOR PAYMENT AND TO NOTE INCOME FOR AUGUST 2024 AND SEPTEMBER 2024**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That (a) Orders for **payment** made in the sum of **£83,781.49** in August 2024 and **£18,479.14** in September 2024 be authorised and (b) **income** received in the amount of **£95,823.45** in August 2024 and **£368,108.50** September 2024 be noted.

64. **FUNDING SUPPORT – MABLETHORPE IN BLOOM**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That the Town Council supports up to the amount of £2,000 to Mablethorpe in Bloom towards plants, equipment and associated gardening items.

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

- To receive updates and financially sensitive information in respect of property matters and agree property purchase (or otherwise).

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 confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

This part of the meeting closed at 8.46 p.m.

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That the Town Council took a short comfort break.

Note: The meeting resumed at 8.55 p.m.

Minute arising from confidential item: –

66. **PROPERTY MATTERS**

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: That the Town Council proceeds with the purchase of the freehold property and associated land on High Street, Mablethorpe at a cost of £275,000, noting there was no restrictive coverage or overage in accordance with the memorandum of sale and as previously agreed at the meeting of the Town Council held on 4th March 2024.

Cllr S Bristow requested (as per standing order 16) a recorded vote.

Votes for: Cllrs C Arnold, I Bailey, V Clark, S Holland, K Marnoch, M Nicholson, G Parkhurst, J Rastall, S Rayment, C Tebbutt, R Watson and M Wellby.

Votes Against: Cllrs S Bristow, L Cooper, G Cullen, D Mellor, H Parkhurst.

Note: In light of inaccurate social media comments in relation to this matter, the Mayor reminded Members of the importance of respecting the confidentiality of discussions in closed session. It was further noted that a statement of fact pertaining to this matter would be issued in due course.

The meeting closed at 9.38 p.m.