

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ALDEBURGH TOWN COUNCIL
SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 29 AUGUST 2017 at 7.50 PM IN THE MOOT HALL**

Present: Cllr Palmer took the Chair.

Committee Members Present:

Cllr Bond Cllr Cox
Cllr Digby Cllr Harris
Cllr Kiff Cllr Osben
Cllr Oxby Cllr Walker

There were two members of the public present.

1. Apologies: There were no apologies. Cllr Fellowes was absent from the meeting.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

The draft Minutes of the Services Committees meeting held on 24 July 2017 were **APPROVED** without amendment by a show of hands. The Minutes were duly signed.

3. Matters for Discussion

3.1 Museum Update

Cllr Palmer invited Cllr Fox, a Museum Trustee, to brief the Committee on the Museum Redevelopment Plan.

Cllr Fox reminded Cllrs that she and the Town Clerk were members of the Project Board and had both attended a number of meetings discussing design and content relating to the HLF Grant for the Council and Museum. Cllrs had previously received the Architect's initial discussion concept document which they considered and debated at length. The Town Clerk asked Cllrs to keep an open mind on design features which, she said, were still at the discussion stage, a view reiterated by Cllr Fox. Cllr Harris, a Museum Trustee, spoke warmly of the plans and said visitors to the museum expressed enthusiasm for the project, with nobody against the idea of improvement.

Cllr Oxby suggested the use of audio-visual aids to be incorporated into the plan to enable Cllrs to access SCDC information - no longer available on paper. Cllr Fox and the Town Clerk reassured Cllrs that the latest technology - including retractable screens - was being discussed at length.

Cllr Fox reminded the Committee that, at some point in the future, the Town Council would have to honour a match-funding commitment of approximately £20,000 to enable the first phase of the redevelopment to go-ahead.

Cllr Bond called on fellow Cllrs to give the project whole-hearted support, describing the redevelopment plan as an opportunity to future-proof the Council Chamber for generations to come. Cllr Bond requested that more meetings with either Trustees and

the Design Team would be useful so that Cllrs could consider the plans as they evolved.

A **RESOLUTION** that ATC supports, in principle the initial concept for the Moot Hall Redevelopment Plan, subject to agreement on a number of issues was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Digby and **SECONDED** by Cllr Bond.

In favour 9

Against 0

Abstentions 0

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cllr Fox said there would be a meeting of Museum Stewards in the near future where they would be briefed by the Design Team. She would advise Cllrs of the date so that they, too, could attend.

3.2 Highways

Cllr Palmer told the Committee he had just completed an exhaustive survey of speed signs and speed limits on roads approaching Aldeburgh and wanted approval to cost some of his suggestions. Cllr Kiff welcomed the initiative but asked that the Aldeburgh Society, who had completed their own study, be included in the discussions. Cllr Cox said that before the Council could decide what action to take, they needed some idea of costs.

A **RESOLUTION** to investigate the cost of proposals to amend and introduce new Highways signage on roads in Aldeburgh was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Digby and **SECONDED** by Cllr Harris.

In favour 9

Against 0

Abstentions 0

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Committee Finance Business

There was no Committee Finance Business to consider this month.

5. New Services Committee Business

Cllr Palmer reported that quotes had been received for conservation work on the War Memorial and that an application for grant aid had been submitted.

He told the Committee that the Church Hall had now granted permission for an AED defibrillator to be installed but discussions about a second on the High Street were still pending.

Following complaints about litter around the town, Cllr Palmer said he was investigating the cost of providing vermin-proof bins which might cure this problem. The Town Clerk pointed out that ATC's budget for replacing bins was £500 a year and the cost of renewing them - an expensive operation - would be the responsibility of the Town Council. Cllr Harris asked whether cleaning contractors Norse or business sponsorship would off-set some of the costs.

Cllr Fox described the present bins as useless at deterring seagulls and said that money currently spent on cleaning up the town could be saved if better bins were installed. Cllr Kiff welcomed the idea but wanted the involvement of Norse in the project.

A **RESOLUTION** to pursue the possible replacement of litter bins in the town, subject to agreement on costs and the involvement of Norse was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Harris and **SECONDED** by Cllr Fox.

In favour	9
Against	0
Abstentions	0

There was nothing further to discuss and the meeting ended at 8.50 pm.