

**MINUTES OF THE ALDEBURGH TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9 JULY 2018
AT 7:00 PM IN THE MOOT HALL**

Present: Cllr Digby- The Mayor, took the Chair

Cllr Bond Cllr Cox
Cllr Fox Cllr Harris
Cllr Jones Cllr Kiff
Cllr Osben Cllr Oxby
Cllr Palmer Cllr Walker
Cllr Worster

Also present: Cllr T.J.Haworth-Culf – SCDC.

Five members of the public were in attendance.

1. Apologies: Cllr Rainger – SCC, Cllr M.Jones - SCDC and Cllrs Fellowes and Partel - ATC

2. Councillors' Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To approve the draft Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on June 11 2018

Minutes of the Council meeting held on June 11 2018 were **APPROVED** by a show of hands and duly signed.

4. SCC report and Correspondence

In the absence of Cllr Rainger, the Town Clerk read his report. Cllr Rainger wrote that a representative of the SCC Carriageway Asset and Highways Asset team had met with an Aldeburgh resident to discuss a number of issues. Cllr Rainger confirmed that a meeting would take place on July 12 between Denise Mortimer of SCC Highways and members of ATC. His report also drew attention to public information days being staged by ScottishPower Renewables to highlight their plans for offshore wind farms and onshore associated developments. The developments can be viewed at:

https://www.scottishpowerrenewables.com/pages/east_anglia_two.aspx

Cllr Rainger's report can be read in full at: <https://russrainger.wordpress.com/>

5. SCDC Report and Correspondence

In their report, Cllrs T.J. Haworth-Culf and Maureen Jones highlighted a number of issues, including consultations on the new ward boundaries, the first draft of the SCDC Local Plan and specialist education services. Cllr Haworth-Culf urged everyone to respond. She also revealed that the Red House in Aldeburgh had been short-listed, with ten other museums nationwide, for the Kids in Museums Family-Friendly Museum Award.

Cllr Haworth-Culf said that she had spoken to the head of Planning Services at SCDC who had concurred that Aldeburgh should host the forthcoming Brickfields Public Inquiry, but the final decision on the venue would be made by the Planning Inspectorate.

Cllr Kiff asked if individual councillors could respond to the new ward boundaries consultation and was assured they could. Cllr Bond encouraged everyone to respond because, she believed, the views of individuals carried as much weight as the collective view of the Town Council.

Cllr Osben called for more information relating to the charge for emptying brown bins. She felt that those residents who had enrolled in the scheme at the outset had been unfairly penalised. Cllr Haworth-Culf promised her an explanation.

Cllr Haworth-Culf left at 7.15pm to attend another meeting.

Full SCDC report: **See Appendix 1**

6. Police Report

There was no police report but the Town Clerk told the meeting there had been incidents of anti-social behaviour at the weekend. Some damage had been caused to an awning at Mint Fitness and bales of hay had been set alight on the marshes, she said. The Town Clerk was due to talk to police officers within 24 hours, but she was reasonably confident the identities of the offenders were known.

7. Public Forum

The Mayor suspended Standing Orders for the Public Forum.

There were no questions from members of the public and the Mayor reinstated Standing Orders.

8 COMMITTEES REPORTS:

8a. PROPERTY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

8ai) Report from Chairman of Property & Finance Committee

Cllr Jones reported that work on the tractor shed, the new storage unit, the Museum Office and Pet Perfection had either been completed or was scheduled for completion. She confirmed that bookings for Sports Week were already arriving and that EDF and the Latymer Trust had each pledged funds towards the cost of the event. She called for volunteers to help out during Sports Week which starts on July 30.

She told the Council that, with the Town Clerk, they were about to begin work on the first quarter's variance report which should be ready for presentation to July's Committees meeting.

8b. SERVICES COMMITTEE

8bi) Report from Chairman of Services

Cllr Palmer announced he had chaired the inaugural meeting of a Services Committee Working Party to formulate new strategies and identify issues for inclusion in the budget for the following financial years. Vehicle activated speed signs for Saxmundham and Leiston Roads were discussed at length. He confirmed that a meeting with Denise Mortimer of SCC Highways would take place on July 12, with a number of items already on the agenda.

He also reported on a fruitful meeting with Norse to discuss, among other things, new arrangements for collecting trade waste from the High Street. He said Norse were now orchestrating the supply and delivery of new litter bins on terms more favourable than previously believed.

8c. PLANNING

8ci) Report from Chairman of Planning

Cllr Worster told the meeting that two planning applications – in respect of 152 High Street and Britten Close – had been the subject of site visits by members of the Planning Committee which would meet on July 10 to make their recommendations.

8d. GRANTS, REQUESTS & EVENTS

8di) Report from Chairman of Grants, Requests and Events Committee

In the absence of the Chairman due to illness, there was nothing to report.

8dii) RESOLUTION to APPROVE a donation of £200 to the Kinetic Science Foundation for staging a Science by the Seaside event in Aldeburgh in September or October 2018 was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Kiff and **SECONDED** by Cllr Bond.

In favour 11

Against 0

Abstentions 1

CARRIED

8diii) RESOLUTION to APPROVE a donation of £300 to AGNES (Aldeburgh's Good Neighbour Scheme) to enable it to continue its charitable work in the town was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Cox and **SECONDED** by Cllr Jones.

In favour 12

Against 0

Abstentions 0

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8div) RESOLUTION to APPROVE a donation of £300 to support the work of Suffolk Summer Theatre in Aldeburgh was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Harris and **SECONDED** by Cllr Walker.

In favour 12

Against 0

Abstentions 0

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Representatives' Reports.

- Cllr Worster reported on meetings with the Latymer Trust, the Crescent Road Area Residents Association and the Jubilee Hall Trustees.
- Cllr Palmer attended an SSE consultation at the Jubilee Hall and a meeting with the Alde and Estuarine Partnership.
- Cllr Oxby gave an end-of-term report on the Primary School, where new staff had nearly completed their first year and had settled in well. Feedback from parents and children had been excellent, she said, and the school had seen an increased number of parents coming to parents' evenings and information sessions. Integration with the Trust was going well and the headmaster, James Ratcliffe, believed the school was now fully embedded. The Trust had recently started to combine staff meetings, so all school staff now work together regularly. Children have benefited from being part of the Academy through increased sporting opportunities, educational visits and teachers having better access to professional development opportunities and training. Cllr Oxby said the current school roll was 102 out of a maximum of 105 and the school was full next year. A few children had put Aldeburgh as their second option but the school had not turned people away. Eleven children were leaving from Year 6 (three to Thomas Mills High School, the rest to Alde Valley) with 15 new Reception children. The pre-school has already had a positive impact on Aldeburgh Primary, commented Cllr Oxby. They now share the school garden and visit the Primary School regularly. Out of the 15 new Reception children, 14 will be from the pre-school. Pre-school children have a formal induction/transition before the end of term but have already made visits to help with that. Cllr Oxby also attended a ScottishPower Renewables presentation.
- Cllr Cox drew attention to a number of vacant allotments.
- Cllr Kiff reported on a meeting with the Aldeburgh Business Association, where parking, flood defence costs and concerns about the viability of shops on the High Street were voiced.
- Cllr Jones attended a meeting of the Aldeburgh Society, where various planning issues were discussed.
- Cllr Harris attended a meeting of the Aldeburgh United Charities.
- Cllr Bond attended various Brickfields Inquiry meetings, including one at Melton with the Town Clerk; LGBCE Electoral Boundary Review at Melton; with the Mayor and his Consort enjoyed an art exhibition at the Red House and, with the Town Clerk, an SPS Media Training morning;

10. Town Clerk's Report

The Town Clerk said that, with Cllr Bond, she had attended a Suffolk Preservation Society media briefing with ten different councils. The thrust of the event was to raise awareness of the effective use of campaigns, which was particularly pertinent in respect of major planning issues. She told Cllrs that, again with Cllr Bond, she had met with SCDC representatives, including Cllr T.J.Haworth-Culf, to discuss a joint approach to press Aldeburgh's case for hosting the forthcoming

Brickfields Public Inquiry. A considerable amount of preparatory work had already been done and there was a huge strength of feeling that the Inquiry should be held in the town, she asserted. She confirmed that work was about to start on the quarterly variance report and she hoped that lease formalities would soon be completed.

11. Mayor's Notes.

June 2018:

- 19 - Music by the Sea meeting; Chaired Carnival meeting presented Poster Competition prizes.
- 21 - Radio Suffolk interview for Suffolk Day.
- 22 - Unveiled plaque on the Four Daughters boat; HighTide launch reception at East Coast Café.
- 24 - Eye Civic Parade and Service.
- 25 - Music by the Sea meeting.
- 27 - NSPCC lunch at the Wentworth Hotel.
- 28 - Attended Brian Wards funeral- past councillor.
- 29 - Britten's Young Artist – The Red House.
- 30 - Met and presented cheque to Peter Berry on completion of his charity bike ride from Wales to Aldeburgh to raise awareness and money for Young Dementia.
- 30 - Attended and gave a brief welcoming speech at the Music by the Sea event on King's Field.

July:

- 4 - Attended and handed out prizes at the Primary School Sports Day.
- 5 - NHS 70th Birthday reception held at the hospital.
- 6 - Ipswich Mayor's at Home Reception held at Ipswich Museum.

12. Correspondence

The Town Clerk reported on the recent Music by the Sea Event at King's Field, for which she had received some very positive feedback and one virulent letter of complaint. She told the meeting that the event did not exceed its maximum capacity. People who attended, described it as a well-organised family afternoon out, with the King's Field venue particularly popular. There were minor issues involving ticketing, she said, and these would be addressed shortly when the promoters of the event met with ATC representatives to discuss the concert.

13. Gifts and/or Hospitality Received by Councillors

Cllrs had nothing to declare this month, but the Town Clerk drew attention to the imminent arrival of complimentary tickets for the Summer Theatre production on July 24.

14. Items to pay – details had been previously circulated to Cllrs.

All payments were **PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL**
PROPOSED by Cllr Jones and **SECONDED** by Cllr Kiff
In Favour 12
Against 0
Abstentions 0
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

There being nothing further to discuss the meeting ended at 7.45pm.

**The next meeting of Aldeburgh Town Council will take place on Monday
August 13 2018 at 7.00 pm in The Moot Hall.**

