

**MINUTES OF THE ALDEBURGH TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12 DECEMBER 2016
AT 7:00 PM IN THE MOOT HALL**

Present: Cllr Digby - The Mayor, took the Chair
Cllr Bond Cllr Fellowes
Cllr Fox Cllr Harris
Cllr Kiff Cllr Jones
Cllr Osben Cllr Palmer
Cllr Partel Cllr Walker
Cllr Worster

Cllr Maureen Jones – SCDC and Cllr Richard Smith – SCC were present. Two members of the public attended the meeting.

1. **Apologies:** Apologies had been received prior to the meeting from Cllr T.J. Haworth-Culf from SCDC.
2. **Councillors’ Declaration of Interest**
There were no declarations of interest
3. **To Approve the Draft Minutes of the Council meeting held on 14 November 2016.**
Minutes of the Council meeting held on 14 November 2016 were **APPROVED**. The Minutes were **APPROVED** and duly signed. Cllrs Bond and Worster **ABSTAINED** from this, as they were not present at last month’s meeting.
4. **SCC report and Correspondence**
Cllr Smith delivered the report on behalf of SCC (see Appendix One.)

Following Cllr Smith’s report, Cllr Kiff asked for clarification on the county council precept. Cllr Smith explained that the precept would remain the same as in previous years but an additional line, resulting in an extra 2% payment would be added to the budget to cover the cost of social care.

5. **SCDC Report and Correspondence**
Cllr Maureen Jones delivered the report on behalf of SCDC (see Appendix Two)

There were no questions for this month for the District Council.

6. **Police Report**
No Police Report had been submitted this month.

7. **PUBLIC FORUM**
The Mayor suspended Standing Orders for the Public Forum.

There being no questions, he reinstated Standing Orders.

- 8a. **COMMITTEES REPORTS:**
PROPERTY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

8ai) Report from Chairman of Property & Finance Committee

Cllr Jones asked the meeting to withdraw resolution 8aii (**RESOLUTION to APPROVE** that ATC re-develops the children's' play equipment in the enclosed play area adjacent to the rugby hut.) She explained that further investigation was needed and she would bring the matter before the Council in the future. This decision was **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY** by a show of hands.

Cllr Jones reported that all the information required to complete the Sport England checks in respect of the successful drainage grant application for King's Field has been submitted to a legal team.

Cllr Jones confirmed that an additional tree has been planted along Jubilee Walk, funded by a local resident who will pay for future maintenance.

Cllr Jones reported that new heaters have been installed in the Moot Hall.

8aiii) RESOLUTION to APPROVE that ATC retains the precept at the current level for 2017/18. **PROPOSED** by Cllr Bond. **SECONDED** by Cllr Kiff.

In Favour 12

Against 0

Abstentions 0

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8aiv) RESOLUTION to APPROVE that ATC approves the budget for 2017/18. **PROPOSED** by Cllr Harris. **SECONDED** by Cllr Jones.

In Favour 12

Against 0

Abstentions 0

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8b. SERVICES COMMITTEE

8bi) Report from Chairman of Services

Cllr Palmer reported that he had had a meeting with the Deputy Chief Constable and Tim Passmore, the Police and Crime Commissioner, concerning the provision of a PCSO in Aldeburgh to enforce parking issues. Cllr Palmer said that there appeared to be little enthusiasm to even consider a full or part-funded provision by the Constabulary because the town had a low crime rate.

8c. PLANNING

8ci) Report from Chairman of Planning.

Cllr Worster had been absent from the previous planning committee meeting and Cllr Bond commented that there was nothing new to report.

8d. GRANTS, REQUESTS & EVENTS

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

8dii) RESOLUTION to APPROVE that ATC donates £500 to the League of Friends of Aldeburgh and District Community Hospital to purchase a specialist medical bag for community nurses to use on home visits.

PROPOSED by Cllr Jones. **SECONDED** by Cllr Bond.

In Favour 12

Against 0

Abstentions 0

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8diii) RESOLUTION to APPROVE that ATC makes a donation of £800 to St. Elizabeth Hospice to cover the cost of three lap trays for new beds.

PROPOSED by Cllr Walker. **SECONDED** by Cllr Jones

In Favour 12

Against 0

Abstentions 0

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8div) Cllr Fellowes expressed concern about the size of the event, the seating arrangements and the siting of any generators. The Town Clerk said that the proposed event was on a smaller scale than some of the events of previous years. At this stage, it was an outline plan and that details would follow.

RESOLUTION to APPROVE that ATC gives permission for the British Film Institute to erect an outdoor screen on Moot Green for a small number of screenings (dates unspecified) during the summer months.

PROPOSED by Cllr Kiff. **SECONDED** by Cllr Palmer

In Favour 9

Against 0

Abstentions 3

CARRIED

9. Representatives' Reports.

- Cllr Worster reported that he had attended a meeting of the Crescent Road Residents Association, which was being extended to accommodate the properties on Park Lane West.
- Cllr Fellowes attended a meeting of the Sizewell Stakeholder group on 8 December 2016.
- Cllr Palmer reported he had attended the Sizewell C Community Forum and then a JLAG workshop with SCC and SCDC representatives to agree a common strategy in dealing with the second stage consultation.
- Cllr Kiff attended the library AGM.
- Cllr Jones attended the PRAM AGM (Park Road (Aldeburgh) Maintenance Ltd.) She reported there would be no change to the levy next year. She also reported that a periodic conservation area review, initiated by SCDC, was under way and that there would be public consultation during this process. Cllr Jones had also attended a meeting of the Aldeburgh Society where the conservation area, the Brickworks decision and the Neighbourhood plan were discussed.
- Cllr Harris confirmed he chaired a meeting of Aldeburgh United Charities and attended the Flagship presentation.
- Cllr Bond reported she had attended two Flagship presentations and two Sizewell C consultation events, as previously commented on by other Cllrs.

10. Town Clerk's Report

The Town Clerk requested that resolution 10(a) (**RESOLUTION to APPROVE** and accept the annual return for 2015/16, now the opinion of the external auditor has been received) be withdrawn and re-submitted in the New Year. This was **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY** by a show of hands.

The Town Clerk reported on Flagship's presentation of the proposed development, including affordable homes on the old Police Station site. She said that approximately forty people had attended and that a number of issues were raised, mainly concerning amenity space, accessibility, parking and the impact on properties on the Plantation.

Allotment renewals have been issued, with prices being retained at the same rate as the previous two years. SCDC has confirmed that BT are proposing to remove two public telephone boxes in Aldeburgh. One in Franklin Road (from which five calls were made last year) and one at the roundabout (from which one call was made last year). ATC has the opportunity to buy the boxes for £1.

Planning Aid England will be hosting a number of workshops to facilitate the responses from town and parish councils in the New Year in relation to the second stage Sizewell C consultation. These are scheduled to take place between January 7th and 13th. Cllrs are invited to attend a workshop in the Moot Hall on 10 January 2017.

12. Mayor's Notes.

The Mayor reported that he had been involved in a variety of events and meetings during the past month. These included;

- 15 November – Attended an Aldeburgh United Charities meeting
- 17 November – Attended the Aldeburgh Hospital Coffee Morning
- 19 November – Opened the ABA Celebration of Christmas at the Jubilee Hall and judged the decorated window competition.
- 23 November – Attended the visit of Marshall Hatchick to the Lifeboat Station followed by a networking dinner at the Lighthouse with the Town Clerk and the Serjeant at Mace.
- 24 November – Attended the Museum Stewards Christmas Lunch at the Church Hall.

13. Correspondence

A resident had complained of unscheduled three-way traffic lights at the corner of Linden Road and Leiston Road. Another resident had raised a question about the long term security of the recycling facility at Lover's Lane, Leiston, as he had heard a rumour that the site might be closed, but Cllr Smith responded robustly that no county council sites are under threat.

The Town Clerk reported on correspondence concerning a planning application at 147 High Street. There had been a number of objections to the plan.

14. Gifts and/or Hospitality Received by Councillors

Cllrs had nothing to declare this month.

15. **Items to pay** – details had been previously circulated to Cllrs.

All payments were **PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL**

PROPOSED by Cllr Harris. **SECONDED** by Cllr Jones.

In Favour 12

Against 0

Abstentions 0

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

There being nothing further to discuss the meeting ended at 7.50 pm.

The next meeting of Aldeburgh Town Council will take place on Monday 9 January 2017 at 7.00 pm in The Moot Hall.