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**MINUTES OF THE ALDEBURGH TOWN COUNCIL
SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 23 MAY AT 7.28 PM IN THE MOOT HALL**

Present: Cllr Palmer took the Chair

Committee Members Present:

Cllr Bond Cllr Digby
Cllr Fellowes Cllr Harris
Cllr Osben

There was one member of the public present.

1. Apologies: Cllrs Kiff and Walker.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

Cllr Palmer commended the draft Minutes of the Services Committees meeting held on 25 April 2016 for **APPROVAL** without amendment. The Minutes were duly signed.

**3. Matters for Discussion – SCC, SCDC and Police
Police**

The Town Clerk gave an update on a meeting she had attended with Cllr Digby, the Chairman of Leiston Town Council and their Town Clerk, together with Sgt. Beresford, Inspector Aitkin and Leigh Jenkins, Business Liaison Manager for Suffolk Constabulary to discuss the changes which had been introduced in April. She reported that the meeting had been disappointing with no productive outcomes and a lack of accountability.

However, Cllr Digby met Tim Passmore, the newly re-elected Police & Crime Commissioner for Suffolk, at Southwold's Civic Service and took the opportunity to express his thoughts and concerns on behalf of ATC. Mr Passmore offered to assist, support and personally respond to any queries raised and the Town Clerk confirmed that she would be writing to him in the next couple of days. She also stated that she had requested a partial refund of the Council's contribution from January to June 2016 in light of their dip in service levels.

Museum Update

Cllr Fox attended a museum trustees meeting on Friday 29 April and was asked to see if there was any possibility of providing additional parking space for the stewards next to the council marked parking spaces. There was some discussion about this matter and a recognition that this scheme would be subject to a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) which would take at least eighteen months to progress at a cost to the Town Council of approximately £5k. Consequently, Cllrs suggested that the current arrangement remains whereby stewards are encouraged to use the parking permits provided.

Cllr Fox was also asked if the office (Slaughden Room) was likely to be returned to museum use after the two-year period and she confirmed this would be very unlikely.

On Monday 16 May she attended a meeting of the HLF group. This group consists of Tony Bone, Tessa Brown, Roger Williams and Cllr Fox. This group is responsible for drafting the initial HLF bid, which, it is anticipated, will be submitted in August. The Council has helped considerably financially with this first part of the bid process, by contributing 50% of the

basic cost of the designer David Germond, and 50% of the basic cost of the quantity surveyor. The latter will give realistic estimates of the costs incurred by the project, thereby strengthening the joint bid.

On Wednesday, (25 May) the museum will be presenting the project at a public meeting in the Church Hall, where David will outline his design proposals and seek relevant feedback. This event will also strengthen the bid by demonstrating community engagement.

4. Committee Finance Business

There was no new finance business to report this month.

5. New Services Committee Business

The Town Clerk urged Cllrs to look at the planting undertaken by Norse at the War Memorial, using a red, white and blue colour scheme, which had been completed earlier that day.

Cllr Palmer reported that the rocks to protect the sea defences were being steadily moved at Slaughden.

There was nothing further to discuss and the meeting ended at 7.48 pm.