

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ALDEBURGH TOWN COUNCIL
SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 23rd 2019 AT 7.37 PM IN THE AVOCET
ROOM, BRUDENELL HOTEL, ALDEBURGH**

Present: In the absence of Cllr Palmer, Cllr Lewis took the Chair.

Committee Members Present:

Cllr Digby Cllr Harris

Cllr Howard-Dobson

There was one member of the public present.

1. Apologies: Cllrs Cox, Fellowes and Palmer.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

The draft Minutes of the Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday August 27th 2019 were approved by a show of hands and duly signed.

3. Matters for Discussion

3.1 SCC - Highways

Cllr Lewis told the Committee that an additional meeting of the Services Working Group, together with representatives from the County Council, would be convened shortly to discuss the outcome of the recent speed surveys on Leiston and Saxmundham Roads. Enforcement was a priority, he felt. Cllr Blackburn declared her support for 20mph zones.

The Town Clerk commented that she had received a number of favourable remarks about the new pedestrian crossing on Leiston Road. She also told the meeting that she had received woolly answers to questions about the cost of a Traffic Management Order in respect of parking on Leiston Road.

Cllr Lewis drew attention to the volume of traffic in and around the town and commended World Car-Free Day, which had been celebrated a day earlier. He believed that motorists across the world - and especially in Aldeburgh - should give up their cars one day a year to promote healthy living and reduce pollution. He pointed to the example of drivers in Ethiopia who did not drive on the last day of every month, an idea which could spread to the nation's principal towns and cities. Aldeburgh could learn something from the Ethiopian example, he felt.

3.2 East Suffolk Council

Cllr Lewis reported that the next tranche of new litter bins would be installed on the High Street. and that the Aldeburgh Society was keen to address the Town Council on the subject of street furniture. It was essential, he believed, that a database of town assets was assembled.

3.3 Police Matters

There were no police matters to discuss.

3.4 Museum/HLF Update

Cllr Fox, a Museum Trustee and a member of the Museum Redevelopment Project Board, told the Committee that the new Council Chamber table and chairs were now in place and that a Museum brochure would be published shortly. Cllr Howard-Dobson, the Curator of the Museum, explained that work was still proceeding on a snagging list. On the thorny question of the signs outside the Moot Hall, the Town Clerk commented that public frenzy had now died down, but Cllr Fox did concede that if they did not rust naturally and uniformly within the next six months, further discussions would be required. Responding to criticism about the height of the signs, Cllr Fox said it would now be a huge job to lower them.

4. Committee Finance Business

There was no Committee Finance Business.

5. New Services Business

Cllr Lewis reminded Committee and Council members that the ATC response to the Sizewell C Stage 4 Consultation would have to be submitted within a matter of days and called for a resolution to adopt, in principle, the draft response which had been previously submitted to all Cllrs.

RESOLUTION to formally approve in principle the first draft of the Sizewell C Stage 4 consultation response, subject to minor amendments was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Harris and **SECONDED** by Cllr Howard-Dobson.

In favour 4

Against 0

Abstentions 0

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

There was nothing further to discuss and the meeting ended at 8.00pm.