



Broadstairs & St Peter's Town Council

ANNUAL TOWN ASSEMBLY

Monday 15th March 2021 via Zoom

PRESENT: The Town Mayor: Cllr. P. Moore, Chairman
Cllr. Ruth Bailey, Cllr. Jill Bayford, Cllr. Robert Bayford, Cllr. Rosalind Binks,
Cllr Roger Binks, Cllr Roy Dexter, Cllr. Mike Garner, Cllr. David Saunders,
Cllr Aram Rawf, Cllr. Mavanne Saunders, Cllr. Wendy Moore

Town Clerk: Kirsty Holroyd
Town Council Office Staff

Members of the Public

Introduction: The Chairman welcomed councillors and members of the public.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Buckley and Parsons

2 OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY

The Chairman reminded those present that the meeting was being recorded and advised anyone wishing to retain their privacy to turn off their microphone and type only their first name into the participants box on screen.

3 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Annual Town Assembly held on Monday 11th March 2019 were received and approved and could be signed by the Chairman at the next opportunity.

4 NOTES OF THE MEETING DUE TO TAKE PLACE ON MONDAY 16 MARCH 2020 BUT WHICH DID NOT GO AHEAD DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS

The Chairman advised those present that the questions that were going to be put forward by members of the public at that meeting had been duly answered and the responses posted on the Town Council's website.

RESOLVED: That the various reports from committee chairmen and the questions put forward by members of the public be noted.

5 MATTERS ARISING

None

6 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WORK OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

a) Council Report - Cllr. Paul Moore

Please see attached

b) Finance and General Purposes Committee - Cllr Rosalind Binks

Please see attached

c) Planning Committee – Cllr Jill Bayford

Please see attached

d) Community Assets Committee – Cllr R Binks

Please see attached

7 QUESTION AND DEBATE

A representative from the Broadstairs Tourism and Leisure Association called for greater support from the Town Council over tourism initiatives – namely litter, toilets and accessibility – in order to welcome back tourists after the disastrous summer of 2020. Whilst acknowledging these were TDC responsibilities, the resident asked for the Town Council to lobby TDC in order to bring action this summer.

The representative also introduced the new Marketing Manager for the Association and reported on a creative media campaign the Association was launching in order to promote more responsible behaviour in the town with regard to litter and single use plastics.

Dual hatted councillors confirmed that they lobby TDC all the time in order to obtain better facilities and services for Broadstairs. The new Beach Management Plan seeks to address some of the issues.

Partnership opportunities with BSPTC were discussed and it was agreed the BTLA could submit a proposal to the Leisure and Tourism committee for its consideration. Members were signposted to a TDC meeting due to take place the following week at which members of the public were able to ask questions.

All agreed a concerted effort was needed by all parties to ensure Broadstairs offering was excellent this year.

Cllr Moore thanked BTLA for their question and moved on to the next question.

The environmental impact of housing development in our town and questions concerning CT10 Parochial Charities.

Cllr Moore noted that there was a lot of information required in the response and whether it would be acceptable to the resident to email the questions to the Town

Clerk so that they could be answered fully in due course. The resident agreed this was acceptable. Please see questions and responses attached.

In the meantime she was assured that the newly formed Environmental sub-committee would be making recommendations over the coming months to ensure that environmental factors are taken into consideration within the framework of neighbourhood planning. TDC councillors also assured her that they fire hard to ensure environmental correctness is part of any planning application in the town.

Public Toilet survey and the need for additional and larger bins, particularly outside schools

A member of the public asked why more bins were not positioned outside of schools, many of which suffered from rubbish dropped around their entrance gates. The member of the public was encouraged to contact the schools he had noticed and the Town Council would be pleased to support his efforts. One councillor reported he had also asked for businesses in the Pyson's Industrial Estate to work harder to reduce litter including the provision of a litter bin on Pysons Road. This councillor was willing to work with the resident in approaching the schools too.

It was noted that TDC had recently conducted a review of its public toilets in order to ascertain which were essential in terms of footfall. It was anticipated that those lesser used toilets would be closed or offered to Town and Parish Councils to operate whilst efforts would be made to bring the more essential toilets up to a better standard. This was understood to be part of a package of measures currently working its way through TDC and feeding into the Beach Management Plan and the Public Spaces Protection Order which should improve services.

External funding

A member of the public asked councillors what larger projects the Town Council had identified which could attract funding since all the significant funds appear to be going to neighbouring towns.

All agreed the town was looking tired and would benefit from all parties working together to improve such things as parking provision, parks and open spaces, improvements to Viking Bay and linking up all tourism services more efficiently. The fact that Broadstairs and St Peter's do not score highly on the indices of deprivation was discussed but it was agreed this was not the only route to funding and tourism incentives should also be followed up. The resident was invited to liaise with the Town Clerk in order to bring potential projects to the Council's attention.

The Chairman, Cllr. P. Moore thanked the members of the Town Council, the Town Clerk and the members of the public for attending the 2021 Assembly.

Meeting closed at 8:25p.m.