



# Broadstairs & St Peter's Town Council

## COMMUNITY ASSETS COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Wednesday 4 May at 9.30am in the Council Chamber, Pierremont Hall**

Present: Cllrs Bailey, B Bayford, R. Binks (chairman), D. Saunders, M. Saunders.  
In attendance: Cllrs Garner and Dexter

Town Clerk: Kirsty Holroyd  
Senior Administrative Officer: Julie Belsey  
Events and Bookings Manager: Leanne Haddon

### **657. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies with reason were offered and accepted from Cllrs R. K Binks and Savage. Since all councillors had been invited to this meeting, apologies had also been received from Cllr J Bayford and Cllr Aram Rawf.

### **658. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

As dual hatted councillors, everyone agreed they could have an Other Significant Interest.

**RESOLVED: That special dispensation be granted to permit discussion of the issues on the agenda, without which business could not be transacted.**

### **659. MINUTES**

Members received the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 4 April 2022.

**RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting by the chairman.**

### **660. MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA**

none

*The chairman moved item 8 to this point in the meeting so that members of the public could speak.*

### **661. VIKING BAY LIFT**

Members discussed the financial offer made by the leader of Thanet District Council and considered a response.

Members of the public made representations on behalf of the disabled community and stressed how important the facility was to wheelchair users in the town and further afield.

Councillors discussed the offer of funding assistance from the leader of TDC and received two reports; a condition report and a survey. It was agreed both were out of date and incomplete and that the offer of finance, although generous, would not last very long on the upkeep of such an asset.

**RESOLVED:**

- i) That Bradstowe Surveyors be asked to carry out a more detailed survey of both the lift itself and the shaft, inside and out.**
- ii) That the lift specialist company at Manston be asked to conduct an up to date condition report and ascertain whether the five year guarantee refers to labour, parts, or both.**
- iii) That the idea of community groups running the facility be explored**
- iv) That grant funding for the facility be explored**
- v) That costs for removal of the facility be ascertained.**

*The members of the public were thanked for their contribution and they left the meeting.*

**662. PIERREMONT HALL**

Councillors received an update from the Town Clerk on latest issues:

- i) The work to make the entrance into the chamber from the portico accessible is due to start on 27 June
- ii) Works to replace the manhole covers in the car park will start on the same date.
- iii) There had been some significant anti-social behaviour in the park lately which has affected the events at Pierremont Hall. TDC Community Safety Unit had promised a multi-agency meeting to address the problems but a date has not yet been fixed.
- iv) The new Operations Officer is now in post and carrying out minor repairs and redecoration throughout the building and grounds.
- v) The tenant management company Henderson Setterfield is now engaged and starting to set up its systems. A handover period is underway.

Due to the short timeframe, the Town Clerk also used the opportunity to ask councillors about the jubilee beacon lighting event. She had met with the TDC Health and Safety Officer who had explained the only viable alternative to the beacon would be a new gas fired version at approximately £500. The TDC Events team had agreed this event could co-exist with an additional booking from a commercial company but all the usual management paperwork would need to be completed. The Town Clerk asked councillors what sort of event they wished to develop, and who would lead on the project.

**RESOLVED: That since the event cannot be held using the official beacon, the idea would not be pursued.**

**663. RETORT HOUSE**

Councillors considered the branding and signage for the exterior of the building.

**RESOLVED:**

- i) That the existing signage be removed and replaced with white writing on black background as shown by the Events and Bookings Manager**
- ii) That the Town Council's Crest be included on the signage over the**

front door

***The following business was undertaken in accordance of the provision of standing order 3d with a resolution made to exclude the public due to the confidential nature of the business.***

**664. PUBLIC CONVENIENCES**

Councillors discussed a proposal from Thanet District Council regarding its long term strategy for public toilets in the town. Cllr Bayford clarified that the strategy was not yet finalised and that the condition reports had not yet been received.

**RESOLVED:**

- i) That councillors are not opposed to considering taking the toilets on, but need much more detail in order to do so.**
- ii) That Heads of Terms need to be received for consideration, those on the outline document being considered unacceptable.**
- iii) That TDC are asked to consider dropping the condition that the assets remain as toilets.**

**665. AUCTION OF LAND AT BEECH DRIVE AND THE PINES**

Councillors discussed the forthcoming sale of land and considered any action necessary. It was noted that it is not viable for every small parcel of land to be purchased by the Town Council. It was also noted that ongoings liabilities could be onerous.

**RESOLVED: That since the land in question is protected from development by its inclusion in the Local Plan and the Neighbourhood Plan, the Town Council has taken reasonable action and there is no necessity for the Town Council to consider purchase to further protect it.**

*Members of the public were permitted to re-enter the meeting – none were present.*

**666. DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

**Monday 23 May 2022 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Pierremont Hall**

Meeting closed at 10.50 am

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_