



BROADSTAIRS & ST. PETER'S
TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday 11th July 2022

Present: Cllrs R Bailey, B Bayford, J Bayford, R. Binks, R. K. Binks, J Buckley, R Dexter (Chairman), M Garner, A Rawf, D Saunders & M Saunders

Town Clerk: Kirsty Holroyd

38. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies with reason were received and accepted from D Parsons
Cllrs P Moore, W Moore and J Savage were absent.

Councillors discussed the necessity to offer apologies with reason for consideration by council at each meeting.

RESOLVED: This will be added to the agenda as a training item for the next meeting.

39. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received

40. OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY

Those present were reminded of the right to record, film or broadcast any meetings of the Council, committees and subcommittees is established following the Local Government Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

Councillors requested that this item be removed from future agendas and mentioned by the chairman in his opening remarks instead. This would be in addition to the signage displayed at meetings to notify attendants of their right to record.

41. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 13 June 2022 can be approved and duly signed as a true record by the chairman.

42. MATTERS ARISING

Minute 36: The Town Clerk reported that she had completed her Level 3 Health and Safety training as agreed.

43. QUESTIONS AND/OR OBSERVATIONS FROM THE ELECTORATE OF BROADSTAIRS AND ST PETER'S

None

44. COMMUNITY ASSETS COMMITTEE

i) Members received the draft minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20 June.

Min 16ii: The Town Clerk reported that Westgate Security had requested a 50% deposit for the CCTV upgrade project.

RESOLVED: That the sum of £3415.50 be paid in advance

45. FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

i) Members received the draft minutes of the meeting held on Monday 27 June 2022.

ii) Members received and considered the Statement of Internal Control and the Annual Governance Statement as recommended by the Committee

RESOLVED: That both documents be approved

46. PLANNING COMMITTEE

i) Members received the draft minutes of the meeting held on Monday 4 July.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to note

47. COMMUNICATIONS

i) The Town Mayor reported that he and the mayoress had received a great many invitations to events across Thanet and were attending on average four functions each week.

ii) Members received the report of the Town Clerk which covered measures to combat anti-social behaviour in the town, a forthcoming food poverty event, an update on the current noticeboard refurbishment project and brief details on the findings of the 2021 Census.

She verbally updated members on the fact that the Youth Hub had contacted her to explain they would be working in Pierremont Park each Friday evening to try to engage local young people in positive activities. She also read out an email from CT10 charities reminding everyone that money was available for those families who find it difficult to afford school uniforms for their children.

Cllr R Binks reported that she had met with senior police officers to discuss Anti-social behaviour in the town and had been impressed with the positive tone of the conversation. It was agreed the co-operation of the British Transport Police was key to combatting bad behaviour.

48. FINANCE

i) Members received and approved a report concerning payments for the period 13 June 2022 to 6 July 2022. (see attached)

RESOLVED: That the payments be approved

ii) Members received information about works or services authorised between meetings. The Town Clerk read out the payments approved under financial regulation 4.1c, 4.1d and 4.5.

- £510 to Westgate Security for the installation of an uninterrupted power supply to the glass door.
- £472.15 to Saunders Electrical for the installation of a timer and photo cell to limit the time the chandelier is on
- £326.63 to Saunders Electrical to repair the emergency lights in Pierremont Hall after they were blown as a result of the power surge at Iceland last month.

RESOLVED: That the payments be approved

iii) Members received and approved a report concerning payments for the period 6 July when the agenda was sent out to 11 July 2022.

RESOLVED: That the payments be approved.

49. PRIVATE MOTION

Members received a proposal from Cllr Mike Garner concerning the creation of a task force to assist in the reporting and the removal of graffiti around the town. It was noted that the idea is already logged on the Environment Sub-committee's action plan and is an update on last month's proposal with costs attached.

RESOLVED: that a task force comprising Cllr Garner, Cllr Bailey, Cllr Binks and an officer be set up to address graffiti issues around the town. The task force will report back to council regularly.

50. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION POLICY

Members considered a sample policy which the Town Clerk had drafted.

RESOLVED: that the policy and rules be adopted and published on the Council's website with the additional stipulation that questions must be submitted in writing to the Town Clerk prior to the meeting.

The following item was discussed after a resolution to exclude the public under standing order 3d due to the confidential nature of the business.

51. VIKING BAY LIFT

Members considered the offer from the Leader of TDC, Cllr Ashbee to take on the running and maintenance of the lift in return for £50,000 which she had received in compensation from Southern Water. It was noted that much discussion on the topic had already taken place at the Community Assets Committee meetings of the past few months.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council is not able to take on such a large asset with its own limited resources and the offer must therefore be turned down.

Cllr Bayford tabled an unexpected proposal from the Leader stating an offer of £25,000 of the Southern Water allocation towards alternative accessibility upgrades at the town's beaches.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council would accept this offer and promote alternative beach accessibility.

Members of the public – had any been in attendance – would have been permitted to re-enter the meeting

52. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 12 September at 7pm in Pierremont Hall

Town Clerk
Meeting closed at 20.26