



BROADSTAIRS & ST. PETER'S

TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Monday 25 November 2024 at 7pm in Pierremont Hall, Broadstairs.

Present: Cllrs J Bayford, J Bright, K Bright, R Farooki (from 7.02pm), M Garner, J Hobson, C Kemp, C Leys, P Moore, A Munns, J Nichols, K Pressland & Rusiecki.

Town Clerk: Kirsty Holroyd

Before the meeting commenced, the Chairman, Cllr M Garner welcomed everyone and drew their attention to the openness and transparency legislation confirmed in several notices around the room.

510. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies with reason were received and accepted from Cllrs Orhan and Roberts.

511. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received

512. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 28 October 2024 can be approved and duly signed as a true record by the Chairman.

513. MATTERS ARISING

None

7.02pm Cllr Farooki entered the meeting

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

The Town Clerk read out a message she had received from a resident of Northdown Road concerning the Town Council's plans for addressing any issues highlighted in the forthcoming Making Space for Nature report. It was agreed that the Council had already carried out an audit of its current biodiversity work and a policy was due for discussion that evening. The matter would be addressed by the Environment Committee. It is expected the resident will attend the next Council meeting, at which members can furnish her with more detail.

515. PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members received the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 4 November 2024.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to note.

516. EVENTS AND LEISURE COMMITTEE

Members received the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11 November 2024.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to note, with the amendment that Cllr Hobson was absent.

ii) Members considered a recommendation that the Staff Management Committee add Safeguarding issues to their list of functions.

RESOLVED: That the Staff Management Committee add safeguarding to their list of functions.

517. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN SUB-COMMITTEE

i) Members received the draft minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14 November.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to note.

ii) Members considered and approved draft new Terms of Reference.

RESOLVED: That the document is fit for purpose and can be adopted.

518. ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Members received the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18 November 2024.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to note with the amendment that the recommendation under minute 38: 2nd HIP bid is for 20mph temporary signage.

519. COMMUNICATIONS

i) The Town Mayor gave a report on his activities on behalf of the Council over the last month. Please see attached.

ii) The Town Clerk reported that a meeting had taken place between Town Councillors, staff and Folk Week representatives in which plans to work more closely together had been discussed. As a result it is hoped some free-to-attend events will be held at Pierremont Hall and the car park will be made available for performers after 5pm each day.

520. FINANCE

i) Members received and approved a report concerning payments for the period 28 October 2024 to 20 November 2024 (see attached).

RESOLVED: That the payments be approved

ii) Members received and approved a report concerning receipts for the period 28 October 2024 to 20 November 2024. (see attached)

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

iii) Members received information about works or services authorised between meetings under financial regulation 4.1 as follows:-

- £425 plus vat All about Asbestos – asbestos report at The (former) Escape-ment

- £1025 plus vat EK Fire Protection – Fire risk assessment and fire door survey at The (former) Escapement
 - £279.80 plus vat Westgate Security & Electrical to replace failed emergency lights
 - £199.30 plus vat Westgate Security & Electrical to replace failed emergency lights
 - £285 plus vat Four Jays – event toilets for VE Day anniversary commemoration event
 - £1650 John Couzens Roofing contractor for three visits throughout 2025 to clean gutters, parapets, outlets and valleys as part of annual maintenance programme
 - Increase of £6100 for appointment of Fire engineer for Phase III project to include maximum of two site visits.
 - £520 plus vat BM Ambulance group – Emergency care at Christmas market
- RESOLVED: That the payments be approved.**

iv) Members received a summary of staff salaries totalling £34,186 for the month of November to include the back pay as agreed at minute 508..

RESOLVED: Members agreed to note.

v) Members were due to receive and approve a report concerning payments for the period 20 November 2024 when the agenda was sent out until 25 November 2024 but none had been made.

521. PRIVATE MOTION

Members received and considered a proposal from Cllr Alan Munns concerning seasonal beach security. Cllr K Bright proposed an amendment which was seconded and approved.

RESOLVED:

- i) **That BSPTC lobby TDC so that for the next season Probe Security can have either greater powers of enforcement or a higher level of engagement with TDC officers and TDC provide greater support for dealing with the more serious breaches of the PSPO.**
- ii) **That BSPTC consider arranging a meeting with the Chief Inspector (Ian Swallow) to see how Probe and BSPTC can work closely with the police during the summer season to proactively deal with serious breaches of the PSPO.**

522. DIGNITY AT WORK POLICY

i) Members received guidance for using the policy. The Town Clerk explained that this and the next item are interlinked and one depends upon the existence of the other.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to note.

ii) Members received and considered a draft policy. The Town Clerk will research whether additional protected characteristics ought to be added in due course.

RESOLVED: That the policy is fit for purpose and can be adopted.

523. CIVILITY AND RESPECT PLEDGE

i) Members received information from the Town Clerk on the Council's existing commitment.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to note.

ii) Members considered signing the pledge.

RESOLVED: That in order to demonstrate that Broadstairs and St Peter's Town Council is committed to treating councillors, clerks, employees, members of the public, representatives of partner organisations and volunteers with civility and respect in their role, BSPTC signs up to the Civility and Respect Pledge.

524. BIODIVERSITY

Members received and considered adopting a policy.

RESOLVED: That the policy is fit for purpose and can be adopted.

525. THANET COMMUNITY CHAMPION AWARDS

Members received the criteria for the award and considered potential nominees.

**RESOLVED: That the following be nominated:
Victoria Suchak for her work with young people
Inspiration Creative for its work with young people
Kerry Millet for her work with Town Team
Thanet Wanderers for their work with young people with SEND.**

526. KALC COMMUNITY AWARDS SCHEME 2025

Members received the criteria for the award and considered potential nominees.

**RESOLVED: That the following be nominated:
Victoria Suchak for her work with young people
Inspiration Creative for its work with young people
Kerry Millet for her work with Town Team
Thanet Wanderers for their work with young people with SEND.**

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

8.07pm Cllr Farooki left the meeting

527. TENANT ISSUES

The Town Clerk reported that the tenant had vacated unit 2 of Retort House and a series of inspections would now be undertaken throughout the whole building before decisions could be made about future uses. The results of the inspections will be presented to Councillors at a briefing to be held prior to the next Council meeting. Members will also be offered the opportunity to visit the building.

RESOLVED: members agreed to note.

528. LEGAL ISSUES

No issues which need discussion this evening.

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

529. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 16 December 2024 at 7pm in Pierremont Hall

Town Clerk

Meeting closed at 8.11 pm

Signed _____

Date _____