

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF HUNSTANTON
HELD IN HUNSTANTON COUNCIL CHAMBER ON
FRIDAY 13th DECEMBER 2013 AT 6:30 PM

Present: Mayor: Cllr E Clutton Deputy Mayor: Cllr C Bower

Town Councillors: R Bird C Earnshaw J Maiden G Smith R Davies
J Johnson J Smith D Harrington S Ellis G Gooderson
L Brister

Also present:-

5 x members of the Public (1 p/t)

BCllr P Beal

Town Clerk & Deputy Town Clerk

Police representative Sgt J Bane (p/t)

Fthr John Bloomfield led the Council in prayers.

1. Apologies For Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs A Murray & N Godfrey-Cole.

2. Residents Question Time

Mr P Richardson reminded members that the planting of the latest phase of the Community Orchard would occur on Saturday 14th Dec. and would commence with the planting of the "Hunstanton Great Oak" to commemorate the designation of a "Field In Trust".

Mrs G Thomson suggested that HTC trying to run the Basement Café was not within its expertise and rate-payers money should not be used to fund a loss.

3. Hunstanton Sailing Club

The Commodore of Hunstanton Sailing Club, Michael Ford, gave a short presentation on the new Sailing Club Constitution and Rules as he was aware that there had been some opposition to the use of regeneration money for the refurbishment of the club house. The club was now open for anyone to join and the club-house was licensed. There was a need to employ a steward so that the bar could be open 7 days per week. The events run by the club brought a great deal of revenue to the town and was set to increase the number of national events that are held in the town. The Treasurer would now prepare monthly reports on expenditure although the outgoings are not balanced by the fees and the club was to examine whether to raise fees. There would be more family days to increase the junior membership, such events had been popular in the past and young people would be offered training courses such as the RYA Dinghy Instructors course. There were still some financial difficulties such as provision of a fire escape and a lift but BCKLWN was helping with a bid from the Community Foundation.

Cllr R Bird asked about training packages and discounts for local people and was given an assurance about courses in conjunction with the College of West Anglia and that junior and student membership categories were being looked into.

BCllr P Beal who had been one of the objectors to the use of Regeneration money stated that he was now fully supportive of the club now that the constitution had changed.

Mr Ford left the meeting at 6:56 pm

4. Police Liaison Officer

Sgt. J Bane gave the following report:-

Over the past month from 8th November 2013, Hunstanton area has experienced 23 crimes.

These relate as follows:

1 Burglary Dwellings	1 Vehicle Offences	6 Violent Offences
5 Criminal Damage	10 Other Crimes	

1 Burglary was a smashed window but recording ethics ensure that it is recorded as a burglary.

2 Burglary Non Dwellings were to the same commercial premises in Hunstanton

1 BOTD in Town Centre Nothing appears to have been taken.

Criminal Damage: 2 Business premises 2 Window damaged

Damage to a flat door latch within the Town. 1 Dwellings had window smashed

Damage to Van, windows smashed but nothing taken in Hunstanton

Possession of Cannabis: 2 Possessions of Cannabis (Found on persons)

1 Fraud offence. 1 Sexual offence. 1 Theft from Motor Vehicles. 1 Insecure vehicle

3 Theft: 2 Theft from Shops and 1 theft of Plants in planters.

6 Violent Offences This includes assaults and Abusive language.

We are presently 6% YTD under with the number of crimes.

Sgt Bane left the meeting at 6:58 pm

5. Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk

BCllr P Beal read out a letter from David Thomason regarding the clean-up operation following the floods which also thanked the management team for its efforts. With regard to the provision of a litter bin between Sainsbury's supermarket and Smithdon High School he was surprised at the level of cost being asked for by BCKLWN and had continued to press for a solution although he had never offered to find a sponsor. He was pleased to announce that the BCKLWN were now going to install a litter bin at no charge and it would be emptied free of charge.

The provision of Wi-Fi on the High Street still remained a problem as the Amey lamp-post supply was not compatible with the system and BCllr Beal asked whether HTC could assist with the installation of the connection on the end of the Town Hall and hopefully Sowerby's Estate Agents would do the same at the other end of the High Street.

It was agreed to put the matter on the agenda for the next Town Hall Management Committee meeting.

BCllr Bird reported that BCKLWN were going to run its sports and entertainment centres via a charitable status company with envisaged savings of £440K p.a. With regard to the floods there had been a large number of black bins installed at the Community Centre for waste but in the end they were not needed as the 8 people who had come along had left by midnight.

Cllr Maiden suggested that the damage to the Fairground and the Sealife Centre, which were both on Borough Council land, could have been prevented if the BCKLWN sea defence wall height had been raised to match that of the Environment Agency.

6. Norfolk County Council
NCllr R Bird explained that NCC would be reverting from its present Cabinet structure back to a Committee system and it would be quite a challenge to get the structure in place before April 2014. Regarding the Coasthopper Bus Service it had become apparent that Norfolk Green had sold out to Stagecoach and Norfolk Green's M.D would be stepping down in January 2014. The nonsense of school staff not being allowed to administer non-prescription drugs whilst surgeries would not give prescriptions for over the counter sales drugs was very difficult to get changed.
7. Mayor's Remarks
The Mayor presented a certificate to HTC from the Anglia In Bloom Committee in recognition of its efforts in the campaign. She had had a busy time attending various events such as Carol Concert, Turkey & Tinsel Lunches, Christmas Cracker, Mayor's Reception in Kings Lynn and would be attending the Christmas Show at the Princess Theatre and the Pantomime. Members were reminded of the Christmas Day swim and the Resolution Ramble and the Mayor gave everyone seasonal best wishes.
8. Minutes – Confirmation of
The minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council held on 15th November 2013, a copy of which had been distributed to councillors prior to the meeting, were considered.
RESOLVED (unanimous) the minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 15th November 2013 be approved.
9. Minutes – Matters Arising
There were no matters arising.
10. Questions
No questions had been submitted.
11. Committee Recommendations
The Recommendations made at the Finance, General Purpose and Quality Council Committee meetings held on 6th November 2013, copies of the minutes which had been distributed to councillors prior to the meeting, were considered.
RESOLVED (unanimous) the recommendations made at the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 6th November 2013 be adopted.

It was noted that there were no recommendations from the General Purpose Committee meeting.
RESOLVED (unanimous) the recommendations made at the meeting of the Quality Council Committee held on 6th November 2013 be adopted.
12. Extra-ordinary Finance Committee Recommendations
The Recommendations of the Extra-ordinary Finance Committee meeting held on 29th November 2013, a copy of the minutes of the meeting, 2014/15 Estimates Issue B and TIC Estimates Issue B, all of which had been distributed to councilors prior to the meeting, were considered.
RESOLVED (unanimous) the recommendations made at the meeting of the Extra-ordinary Finance Committee held on 29th November 2013 be adopted.

11. **Correspondence**

1. **BCKLWN** email dated 11th December re: Recovery Phase following floods.
2. **Mr G Murphy** email dated 10th December 2013 re: Emergency repairs Heacham & Snettisham sea defences.
3. **BCKLWN** Notification of new property address – “Salt Rock”, 64 Cliff Parade.
4. **BCKLWN** Verification of new property address - “Oriel Lodge”, 24 Homefields Rd.
5. **BCKLWN** Application for Premises Licence - “The Spinney” for performances.
6. **WNVCA** “In Touch” leaflet December 2013.
7. **Momentum** Members’ magazine December 2013.
8. **NSCB** Norfolk Safeguarding Children Board - advice leaflet.
9. **SPN** Schools for Parents network- vacancies for Trustees on management group.
10. **Mr R Webb** email dated 10th December 2013 re: Spinney traffic calming measures, and an exchange of emails between BCllr E Watson, BCllr A Beales and Mr R Webb all dated 10th December 2103 regarding the same issue.
11. **Mr R Melton**
 - 1) letter dated 16th November 2013 re: cycling on promenades.
 - 2) letter dated 29th November 2013 re: rubbish bins, beach cleaning, Tesco lights, bus shelters and tree felling & Deputy Clerk’s reply.

#10 At the request of Cllr Maiden the Deputy Clerk read out the emails.

#11(1) At the request of Cllr Maiden the Deputy Clerk read out the letter.
Cllr Earnshaw requested that the content of the letter be discussed at the next Footpaths, Streetlights & Rail Track Bed Working Party.

#11(2) At the request of Cllr Maiden the Deputy Clerk read out the letter and his reply.
Cllr Bird suggested that the mothballed Hunstanton Regeneration Partnership Group’s money, some £2,300, should be spent on new bus shelters for the Manorfields Estate.

12. **Additional Residents Question Time**

Mr A Boardman suggested that Smithdon High School be asked for a donation towards the new litter bin as it was its students that were making the mess.

Meeting closed at 7.47pm.