

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF HUNSTANTON
HELD IN HUNSTANTON COUNCIL CHAMBER ON
FRIDAY 12th April 2013 AT 6:40 PM

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

Town Councillors: R Bird J Maiden R Davies L Brister
G Smith D Jones A Murray J Johnson
C Earnshaw C Dunbar B Devlin N Godfrey-Cole

Also present:-

4 x members of the Public

BCllr E Watson

Town Clerk

Deputy Town Clerk

In the absence of the Mayor's Chaplin the Mayor led prayers.

1. Apologies For Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs C Allman, J Smith & BCllr P Beal

2. Residents Question Time

There were no questions

3. Police Liaison Officer

There was no police report

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

BCllr E Watson requested copies of old photographs to be turned into tiles to be set in the wall of the Spinney and showed an example. There was a possibility of money for sculptures later in the year. As far as "In Bloom" was concerned there was a need for volunteers to try to enthuse the High Street retailers to have hanging baskets this summer.

BCllr R Bird gave brief reports on new storage pods for Lynn Sport, the Food Hygiene Dept continued to investigate the horse meat scandal and the Waste Management Team seemed to have the new bin system under control.

Cllr Devlin asked about the CCTV system and whether its effectiveness was being investigated as it did not seem to be picking up certain events e.g. damage at the Sailing Club.

Cllr Bird suggested that the Footpaths & Streetlights Working Party revue what was needed in the town and BCllr Watson reported that SNAP was aware and the police were taking appropriate action.

Cllr Maiden asked several questions relating to the Green, the Spinney, Tiles and Car Parking for car boot sales at the Community Centre and was given assurances that HTC already had the information about revenue from car boot sales.

Cllr Murray thought that there would have to be another consultation by NCC over the Spinney as its plans differed from those of the landscape architects.

5. Mayor's Remarks

The Mayor gave the following report:-

I would like to thank councillors for their dedication and hard work. Recently the number of meetings of working parties has increased, I have managed to attend most of them and can say that there is some very good work coming out from them.

The new Business Development Group has the purpose of finding ways to increase the income stream of our Council. Any suggestion or ideas to the Chairman Cllr Bird please.

This month has seen more important changes at the Town Council as from 1st April we have taken over running the Community Centre. We are all keen for this to be a success and will continue to support our officers in this exciting venture.

The refurbishment of the Tourist Information Centre is almost complete. The alterations and re-decoration is complete, the floor is being laid this week and the new doors are being made and should be on site next week. We are anticipating completion towards the end of the month.

Lisa was successful in applying to Norfolk Community Foundation for a grant to cover the cost of the doors which means we have money left which is to be spent on fixtures and fittings.

We have been contacted by BBC Radio Lincolnshire for our thoughts on the project of a water taxi/boat trip between Skegness and Hunstanton. Skegness Council are very excited about this and I am sure we would support this too.

6. Minutes – Confirmation of

The minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on 15th March 2013, copies of which had been distributed to councillors prior to the meeting, were considered.

RESOLVED (unanimous) the minutes of 15th March 2013 were approved.

7. Minutes – Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

8. Questions

No questions had been submitted.

9. Committee Recommendations

The Recommendations made at the General Purpose, Quality Council, Town Hall Management & Finance Committee meetings held on 3rd April 2013, copies of the minutes, which had been distributed to councillors prior to the meeting, were considered.

RESOLVED (unanimous) the 5 recommendations, made at the meeting of the General Purpose Committee held on 3rd April 2013 be adopted.

RESOLVED (unanimous) the 6 recommendations made at the meeting of the Quality Council Committee held on 3rd April 2013 be adopted.

RESOLVED (unanimous) the 6 recommendations made at the meeting of the Town Hall Management Committee held on 3rd April 2013 be adopted.

RESOLVED (unanimous) the 12 recommendations made at the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 3rd April 2013 be adopted.

10 Basement Youth Activities

Consideration was given to permitting the following youth activities to be held in the basement free of charge for a trial period of 6 months,

- Musical Theatre Tuesdays 4pm – 5pm aimed at all ages
- Cheerleading Thursdays 4pm – 5pm
- Little Dragons Tang Soo Do, followed by older youth class Sundays 10am – 12.30pm

RESOLVED (unanimous) the Musical Theatre, Cheerleading and Little Dragons Tang Soo Do be offered the use of the Town Hall Basement free of charge for a period of 6 months to allow them time to become established as youth activities.

11. NCC Funding for Highways Improvements
Consideration was given to putting a proposal forward to the Parish Partnerships Scheme for a bid of up to £150,000 for a pedestrian crossing on Southend Road. Copies of the information of scheme were distributed to members prior to the meeting. Cllr Murray had been unsuccessful in trying to contact S. Bettinson at NCC Highways.
RESOLVED (unanimous) a bid for £150K for a pedestrian crossing over Southend Road be put forward to NCC under its “Parish Partnerships” funding scheme.

12. Correspondence

1. **NG** Norfolk Green change of bus services 4th May 2013
 2. **NRCC** Signpost Newsletter March 2013
 3. **CPRE** Countryside Voice Newsletter Spring 2013
 4. **CPRE** Fieldwork Magazine Spring 2013
 5. **CPRE** Discover your Countryside Members Guide 2013
 6. **Mark & Jaqui** Invitation to opening of non-resident’s restaurant, Shellbrooke
17th April 2013 from 5-6:30 pm
 7. **Mr R Melton** various letters dated;
4th March re:- numerous matters + Town Clerk’s reply
20th March re:- resurfacing of various roadways + Town Clerk’s reply
23rd March re:- dumping of old cycle tyres + Town Clerk’s reply
- #1 At the request of Cllr Murray the Deputy Clerk read out the letter.
#6 At the request of Cllr Bird the Deputy Clerk read out the invitation.
#7 Cllr Devlin requested copies of the letters.
#7 At the request of Cllr Dunbar the Deputy Clerk read out the letter regarding cycle tyres.

13. Additional Residents Question Time

BCllr Watson asked for any quotations that could be used in the Spinney wall.

Meeting closed at 7:20 pm.