



Waveney Local Office
London Road, Halesworth
Monday 5th December, 2022 at 6.30pm
Held in the Day Centre
Minute Book ref No 82

MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN THE DAY CENTRE

Present: Councillors;

Annette Dunning (HTC & SCC), Peter Dutton, Anne Fleming, Keith Forster, Keith Greenberg, Rosemary Lewis (Chair), Joyce Moseley, Rachel Kellett, Maureen Took, David Wollweber (Vice-Chair).

In Attendance: Nick Rees (Town Clerk), District Cllr Alison Cackett, 3 members of the public.

Minutes

- 1) **Apologies:** Cllr J Wagner
- 2) **Declarations of interest:** Non-pecuniary interests; Cllrs, Dutton, Greenberg, Fleming and Dunning for item 14b
- 3) **Minutes:** To confirm as a true record the minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 7th November, 2022
- 4) **Matters arising from the minutes:** None
- 5) **Chair's Report:** The Chair gave a report on her activities and meetings attended during November. The Chair reminded all councillors that they may attend any of the committee or working group meetings but could only vote if they were members. The Chair thanked Cllrs Took and Wagner for all their hard work for the Day Centre opening event on Friday 2nd December.
- 6) **Public Session:** [15 minutes on agenda items] Janet Huckle reported on the Halesworth Tourism Group's 25th Anniversary event.
- 7) **Reports on meetings and events attended by Council representatives:** The Council noted the report on Campus provided by Cllr Moseley.
- 8) **District & County Reports:** County Cllr Annette Dunning had provided a written monthly report and followed up later with another written update. Cllr Dunning also updated the Council on the latest situation with the negotiations for the replacement of the White Bridge in the Millennium Green. District Cllr Alison Cackett gave a verbal update on her activities.
- 9) **Finance & Governance Committee:** The Council received and noted the report of the meeting held on the 14th November, 2022
- 10) **The Council received and noted the draft Committee/WG reports and minutes for information as follows:-**
 - a) **Assets & Services** Committee held on the 9th November, 2022
 - b) **Community Hub** WG held on the 8th November (report & status): The Council **agreed** with Cllr Dutton's proposal that the naming of the Community building (Hub/Centre or

other) should be determined by the consultation process. Cllr Dunning requested a copy of the original drawings from the Architect showing options for the London Rd Building.

- c) **Leisure & Environment** Committee held on the 16th November, 2022: It was **RESOLVED** that the Council approved the additional members; Rev Gini Williams and Ben Waters
- d) **Planning & Highways** Committee held on the 11th November, 2022
- e) **Thoroughfare** WG update
- f) **Neighbourhood Plan** Steering Group held on the 14th November, 2022

11) **Station User Group:** The Council received a written report, this confirmed that Greater Anglia's surveyors were due on site on the 13th December and Cllr Greenberg emphasised that the Council must prepare for the all eventualities.

12) **Events:** It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Wollweber takes the lead and arranges a meeting with Jess Brown/First light to draw up ideas for the 800th anniversary of the Market Charter in 2023 for Council approval and that the Council earmarks the necessary funding for this town event and also explores other funding options to reduce the cost.

Coronation: It was **RESOLVED** that the Council would appeal for volunteers to work in association with Church leaders to organise an event in the Church or an alternative venue. The Clerks would put this appeal out via social media and other media outlets.

13) **Maintenance:** The Clerk gave an update on the repairs to the Skateboard Park and the lighting which was now hopefully completed.

14) **Correspondence:**

- a) **Letter regarding the condition of the London Rd Building and grounds:** The Council agreed with the author of the letter that the building and grounds needed work to improve it. The Chair recommended that this was dealt with as soon as the assets were transferred. In the meantime it was agreed that the Clerk would contact Norse to see what could be fixed in the short term and also to speak to Halesworth in Bloom to see if they were willing to provide some flowers and visual improvements at the Council's cost.
- b) **Letter from Wissett re: PC Solar Farm development** It was **RESOLVED** by those Cllrs who had not registered an interest, that the Clerk would write a letter in support of Wissett Parish Council's objection to the application, specifically with regard to the concerns over the Wissett Rd/Norwich Rd junction, the risk to school children (quoting the Neighbourhood Plan's survey), and due to the banks of lithium batteries on the site, the unsuitability of the designated route and the difficulties that this would cause for the nearest unmanned Fire Station in Halesworth. The letter would be circulated but was required to be sent to ESC by the 9th December, 2022.

15) **Items for the Website/Noticeboard/Newsletters/Library:**

16) **Accounts for Payment:** The Council approved the following accounts for payment.

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| 4696. | Viking – Stationery (LGA 1972 s111) | 83.71 + vat + 34.00 (stamps) |
| 4697. | Suffolk Catering – Skateboard event GPoC (Grant) | 589.00 |
| 4698. | HEM – ESC grant for town centre festive events, received for transfer | 1,000.00 |
| 4699. | Geronimo – GC Coach for Skateboard event (GPoC) | 120.00 |
| 4700. | Suffolk Catering – Skateboard event (GPoC) | 589.00 |

DD/Standing Orders:

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| 4701. | Google Workspace (LGA 1972 s111) November | 2.30 |
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| <u>4702.</u> | Monthly salaries (LGA 1972 s112) | 2935.11 |
| <u>4703.</u> | LGPS Pension (LGA 1972 s112) | 1075.58 |

Bank & Cash Balances at 2nd December, 2022

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| Current 728 | £123,655.30 |
| Unity Trust Current | £75,155.98 |
| Unity Trust Savings | £200,243.29 |

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| Community A/c | £5,298.88 |
| Business Reserves 017 | £92,747.05 |
| Soldo Prepaid Acc. | £383.86 |
| Petty Cash | £22.82 |

17) **Staff Matters:** None

The meeting was closed at 8.03pm