

SKEGNESS TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting

Held at 7:15pm on Wednesday 18th January 2023
At Tower Gardens Pavilion, Skegness

PRESENT: Councillor T Tye (Town Mayor) in the Chair.

Councillors: M Anderson, P Barry (Deputy Mayor), T Burnham, R Cunnington, B Brookes, D Brookes, J Brookes, S Dennis, D Edginton, A Findley, D Kirk and P Sutton.

Invited: Rev Richard Holden

Officers: Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk.

2 members of the public were present and 1 member of the press attended.

C148. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (Agenda Item 1)

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That:-*

- a) an amendment be made to start the page numbering at 49 and to add Cllr G Saxon as present.*
- b) the minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday 7th December 2022 be confirmed as a correct record.*

C149. APOLOGIES (Agenda Item 2)

An apology for absence was received from Councillors S Blackburn, S Claxton, M Dannatt, S Kirk, C Macey, J Sadler and G Saxon.

C150. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda Item 3)

Cllr S Dennis – item 6 – Payee.
Cllr B Brookes – item 20 – Similar Business
Cllr D Brookes – item 20 – Similar Business

C151. FORESHORE PLASTIC POLLUTION (Agenda Item 4)

Luke Douglas-Home gave a short presentation on foreshore plastic pollution; a discussion took place.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That Cllr B Brookes be the main contact along with the Mayor to assist with tackling the issues around plastic pollution.*

C152. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Agenda Item 5)

Mr B Walker spoke in support of item 12 for a Coronation event.

C153. THE TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE (Agenda Item 6)

The Town Mayor informed Council that a list of Mayoral events has been posted on the Council website, Facebook and Twitter. A letter from Lives was also presented.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That the Mayors announcements and letter from Lives be noted.*

C154. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL (Agenda Item 7)

Cllr S Dennis declared an interest and left the meeting for this item.

The Town Clerk reported on a schedule of payments made between 2nd December 2022 and 9th January 2023 as shown in Appendix A to these minutes.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That the payments be approved.*

C155. QUESTIONS TO/COMMENTS FROM THE LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE REPRESENTATIVE (Agenda Item 8)

Questions from Cllr Mark Anderson

1/ What are the latest figures on hate crimes and ABSOs in Skegness?

2/ I am hearing that there are vigilante groups formed in Skegness to take back control by following Asylum seekers and using threats abuse and violence. Is this true or false?

3/ How many murders have there been in Skegness and where in the past two years?

The Town Clerk gave a verbal report on the response from the Police which indicated that a freedom of information request be submitted

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That the response be noted.*

C156. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES (Agenda Item 9)

Councillor M Anderson spoke on his attendance at the last East Lindsey Children's Board meeting, informing members that the next meeting is on 12th February 2023.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That Cllr B Brookes resignation for the Towns Fund Grants Panel be noted and that Cllr T Burnham sits on the Towns Fund Grants Panel as a representative from Skegness Town Council.*

**C157. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS
(Agenda Item 10)**

Concerns were raised that there was no general bus provision from Skegness to Boston on a Sunday.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That:-*

- a) the Lincolnshire County Council January 2023 report be noted.*
- b) the Town Clerk write to County Councillors to express concerns regarding the lack of bus provision to Pilgrim Hospital on Sundays.*

C158. PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Agenda Item 11)

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That:-*

- a) the minutes from the Planning & Planning Policy committee on Wednesday 9th November 2022 be noted and the resolutions therein adopted.*
- b) The minutes from the Planning & Planning Policy committee on Wednesday 30th November 2022 be approved and the resolutions therein adopted*
- c) The comments made by the Town Clerk under delegated authority after the inquorate Planning & Planning Policy Committee on Wednesday 14th December 2022 and the resolutions therein adopted.*

C159. CORONATION WORKING GROUP MEETING NOTES (Agenda Item 12)

Documents from the working group were provided which included recommendations, a discussion took place around a potential event in Tower Gardens and some other activities to mark the Coronation.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That:-*

- a) an event is held in Tower Gardens on the day of the Kings Coronation.*
- b) Cllr T Tye be appointed as the event organiser with support from the Coronation working group and with the Town Council office assisting with the preparation of the event plan and event notification.*
- c) Skegness Town Council insures the event.*

- d) *event attractions are funded through sponsorship and that Councillors help source funding.*
- e) *An oak tree is planted in Westway for the Kings Coronation.*
- f) *When the next street naming request is received the name “King Charles” is recommended.*
- g) *an item to name a part of Tower Gardens after the King and invite him to the opening be agreed in principle but deferred until designs for the Tower Gardens Towns Fund project are available.*

C160. PRECEPT & BUDGET 2023/24 (Agenda Item 13)

The draft budget, proposed fees and general reserve policy was presented. The Town Clerk went through the report highlighting the areas of risk around income and low general reserves. A discussion took place and the Town Clerk answered questions from Councillors.

A recorded vote took place:

For:

Councillors: A Findley, R Cunnington, P Sutton, B Brookes, J Brookes, D Brookes, T Burnham, P Barry and T Tye.

Against:

Councillors: D Edginton, S Dennis and D Kirk.

Abstained:

Councillor M Anderson.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That:-*

- a) *the reserve policy be approved.*
- b) *risks as defined in respect of General reserves and expected income be accepted.*
- c) *the change in the tax base be noted.*
- d) *the fees and charges as set out in section 4 of the report be approved.*
- e) *the budget as set out and precept of £617,375 be approved.*

9:04pm Councillors P Barry, J Brookes and P Sutton left the meeting.

C161. LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL BUDGET CONSULTATION (Agenda Item 14)

A discussion took place.

9:14pm Councillor D Kirk left the meeting.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That the consultation be noted.*

C162. MEETING DATES 2023/24 (Agenda Item 15)

The meeting dates for 2023/24 were considered and a discussion took place.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That the programme of meetings for 2023/24 be approved.*

C163. SKEGNESS & MABLETHORPE TRANSPORT STRATEGY (Agenda Item 16)

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That the Skegness & Mablethorpe Transport Strategy be noted.*

C164. POLICE CRIME COMMISSIONER RESPONSE TO INVITATION TO MEETING (Agenda Item 17)

The response from the Police Crime Commissioner, declining an invitation to attend was presented.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That the response be noted.*

C165. REVIEWED CEMETERY POLICY (Agenda Item 18)

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That the Cemetery policy be approved.*

C166. PROPOSAL TO GO INTO PRIVATE SESSION FOR THE NEXT 2 ITEMS – Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (due to the confidential nature of business relating to commercial premises and contracts) (Agenda Item 19)

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That Skegness Town Council would go into private session for the next 2 items.*

9:31pm Cllr B Brookes left the meeting.

Cllr D Brookes declared an interest and left the meeting for item 20.

C167. COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES (Agenda Item 20)

The Town Clerk gave a verbal report on the issues surrounding rent reviews for Council owned commercial properties.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That the Town Clerk return with initial rent review figures for approval before negotiations start.*

C168. TOWNS FUND TOWER GARDEN PROJECT (Agenda Item 21)

The Town Clerk gave a verbal report on progress with the project. A short discussion took place.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: *That:-*

- a) the Town Clerk is given delegated authority to progress the project to RIBA stage 4.*
- b) the Town Clerk is given delegated authority to use DocuSign to sign a limited SCAPE professional services contract and a further contract for the full design up to RIBA stage 4 once the survey results are incorporated.*
- c) the Deputy Town Clerk be given delegated authority to be a second DocuSign signatory on the contracts up to RIBA stage 4.*
- d) that relevant policies and documents will be updated in due course to reflect the way in which businesses are now using electronic forms of signatory for services contract be noted.*

The meeting closed at 9:54pm

Skegness Town Council

Current Account

Appendix A

List of Payments made from 02/12/2022 till 9/01/2023

02/12/2022	Amazon Payments UK Limited	EB660-1	£1.43	sign for pavilion
02/12/2022	Amazon Payments UK Limited	EB660-1	£14.98	cleaning products
02/12/2022	Charles H Hill Ltd	EB660-2	£753.80	chainsaw protective gear
02/12/2022	East Lindsey District Council	EB660-3	£1,194.66	rent for units
02/12/2022	Trade UK	EB660-5	£31.96	PPE
02/12/2022	Tudor (UK) Ltd	EB660-6	£207.24	Bin liners
02/12/2022	Turner and Price Ltd	EB660-7	£103.58	cafe stock purchases
02/12/2022	Flowbird Smart City UK Ltd	EB660-4	£57.79	card transaction fee
02/12/2022	Anglian Water Business National	DEC DD	£75.97	Unit 1A Water
02/12/2022	Ark ICT Solutions Ltd	DECDD	£41.36	telephone costs office
05/12/2022	Anglian Water Business National	DD DEC	£58.76	Unit 1E water
07/12/2022	Anglian Water Business National	NOV DD	£46.62	Water unit 1D
09/12/2022	Charles H Hill Ltd	EB661-1	£32.17	Public property
09/12/2022	Freedom Fire and Security Main	EB661-2	£964.08	Service Security & Alarms
09/12/2022	Rialtas Business Solutions Ltd	EB661-3	£160.00	MTD yearly subscription
09/12/2022	Trade UK	EB661-4	£47.46	cleaning and hygiene
09/12/2022	Sid Dennis & Sons Ltd	EB661-5	£193.50	Waste St Mary's
09/12/2022	Sid Dennis & Sons Ltd	EB661-5	£263.34	Waste Tower Gardens
09/12/2022	Viking Direct	EB661-7	£85.73	office equipment
09/12/2022	Travis Perkins Trading Co Ltd	EB661-6	£64.80	post Crete
09/12/2022	British Telecom	DD DEC	£83.94	broadband
12/12/2022	British Gas	DD DEC	£23.88	Electricity for Unit 2C
13/12/2022	Fuel Genie	DD DEC	£375.54	Fuel for team Vans
14/12/2022	Ark ICT Solutions Ltd	DD DEC	£170.70	software support
14/12/2022	British Gas	DD DEC	£23.74	Electric Pavilion
15/12/2022	AIBMS	13742426	£23.89	card transaction fee
16/12/2022	7 Core Electrical Wholesale Ltd	EB662-1	£18.24	Bulbs
16/12/2022	Bray Design Ltd t/a Copystat	EB662-2	£19.20	Sign for play parks
16/12/2022	Countryside Plants Ltd	EB662-3	£327.00	Plants
16/12/2022	Society or Local Council Clerk	EB662-4	£354.00	Annual membership
16/12/2022	Travis Perkins Trading Co Ltd	EB662-5	£116.64	post Crete
19/12/2022	Opus Energy	DD NOV	£90.98	units electric
20/12/2022	O2	DD	£63.14	ground team phones
20/12/2022	Ace Shelters LTD	EB666-1	£300.00	bus shelter panel
20/12/2022	Burdens Group	EB666-2	£765.32	lawn mower lease
20/12/2022	B A Bush & Son Ltd	EB666-3	£84.58	YL58GGK brake cable
20/12/2022	Trade UK	EB666-4	£11.58	Cutting discs
21/12/2022	Anglian Water Business National	DD DEC	£388.69	water for allotments
23/12/2022	PAYE DEC	EB663A	£22,584.11	Salaries and wages Dec
23/12/2022	Anglian Water Business National	DD DEC	£44.19	water for unit 2C
28/12/2022	Loan Repayment	PW509396	£22,978.95	Loan Repayment
28/12/2022	Lloyds Bank	384000000	£27.55	bank charges
30/12/2022	Cllr M Anderson	EB664	£100.00	Councillor Allowance
30/12/2022	Cllr D Brookes	EB664	£125.00	Councillor Allowance
30/12/2022	Cllr S Dennis	EB664	£100.00	Councillor Allowance
30/12/2022	Cllr D Edginton	EB664	£100.00	Councillor Allowance
30/12/2022	Cllr S Kirk	EB664	£125.00	Councillor Allowance
30/12/2022	Cllr T Burnham	EB664	£125.00	Councillor Allowance
30/12/2022	Cllr D Kirk	EB664	£125.00	Councillor Allowance
30/12/2022	Cllr M Dannatt	EB664	£100.00	Councillor Allowance
30/12/2022	Cllr S Blackburn	EB664	£125.00	Councillor Allowance
30/12/2022	Cllr J Brookes	EB664	£125.00	Councillor Allowance
30/12/2022	Cllr R Cunnington	EB664	£100.00	Councillor Allowance
30/12/2022	Cllr S Claxton	EB664	£125.00	Councillor Allowance
30/12/2022	Cllr A Findley	EB664	£125.00	Councillor Allowance
30/12/2022	Cllr P Barry	EB664	£100.00	Councillor Allowance
30/12/2022	Cllr G Saxon	EB664	£125.00	Councillor Allowance
30/12/2022	Cllr B Brookes	EB664	£125.00	Councillor Allowance
30/12/2022	Cllr P Sutton	EB664	£125.00	Councillor Allowance
30/12/2022	Cllr T Tye	EB664	£308.00	Councillor & mayoral Allowance
30/12/2022	Cllr J Sadler	EB664	£125.00	Councillor Allowance
30/12/2022	Cllr C Macey	EB664	£100.00	Councillor Allowance
30/12/2022	WYPF	EB665-2	£6,920.52	Pension contributions mnth 9
30/12/2022	HMRC	EB665-1	£6,143.84	Tax and NI mnth 9
30/12/2022	British Gas	DD DEC1	£1,354.70	Electricity pavilion

03/01/2023	British Gas	DD JAN	£40.39	Unit 2C Electricity
03/01/2023	Ark ICT Solutions Ltd	DD JAN	£41.22	Office phones
06/01/2023	Burdens Group	EB667-1	£116.03	lawn mower repairs
06/01/2023	East Lindsey District Council	EB667-2	£1,194.66	rent for units
06/01/2023	Flowbird Smart City UK Ltd	EB667-3	£27.55	card transaction fee
06/01/2023	Iris Business Software Ltd	EB667-4	£750.00	yearly iris software sub
06/01/2023	Lighting and Illuminating Tech	EB667-5	£7,182.00	Christmas illuminations
06/01/2023	National Association of Memori	EB667-6	£264.00	Memorial Masons yearly subscri
06/01/2023	Pilgrim Foodservice Ltd	EB667-7	£282.60	cafe stock purchases
06/01/2023	R W Stokes & Sons Ltd	EB667-8	£96.00	cafe stock purchases
06/01/2023	DVLA	DD JAN	£295.00	road tax
09/01/2023	British Telecom	DD JAN	£83.94	broadband
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