

# SKEGNESS TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Council Meeting

Held at 7:15pm on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023  
At Tower Gardens Pavilion, Skegness

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

Councillors: P Barry (Deputy Mayor), S Blackburn, T Burnham, R Cunnington, M Dannatt, S Dennis, D Edginton, A Findley, D Kirk, S Kirk, C Macey, J Sadler and G Saxon.

**Invited:** Rev R Holden

**Officers:** Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk

**Absent:** Councillors B Brookes, S Claxton and P Sutton.

4 members of the public were present, no press members attended.

### **C189. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (Agenda Item 1)**

*It was proposed, seconded and*  
**RESOLVED:** *That the minutes of the Council meeting on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023 be approved.*

### **C190. APOLOGIES (Agenda Item 2)**

An apology for absence was received from Councillors M Anderson, D Brookes and J Brookes.

### **C191. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda Item 3)**

Cllr S Dennis – item 6 – Payee.  
Cllr M Dannatt – item 11 – Premises licence holder

### **C192. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Agenda Item 4)**

None.

### **C193. THE TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE (Agenda Item 5)**

The Town Mayor informed Council that a list of Mayoral events has been posted on the Council website, Facebook and Twitter.

*It was proposed, seconded and*  
**RESOLVED:** *That the Mayors announcements be noted.*

**C194. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL (Agenda Item 6)**

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

The Town Clerk reported on a schedule of payments made between 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 and 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023 as shown in Appendix A to these minutes.

*It was proposed, seconded and*

**RESOLVED:** *That the payments be approved.*

**C195. QUESTIONS TO/COMMENTS FROM THE LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE REPRESENTATIVE (Agenda Item 7)**

*None received.*

7:19pm Councillor D Kirk arrived at the meeting.

**C196. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES (Agenda Item 8)**

*None.*

**C197. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS (Agenda Item 9)**

*A County Council report for March 2023 was provided by Councillors C Macey and S Blackburn.*

*It was proposed, seconded and*

**RESOLVED:** *That the report be noted.*

**C198. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Agenda Item 10)**

*It was proposed, seconded and*

**RESOLVED:** *That the minutes from the Management Committee on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023 be approved and the resolutions therein adopted.*

**C199. CORONATION EVENT, PREMISES LICENSE AND GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION (Agenda Item 11)**

Cllr M Dannatt declared an interest and left the meeting for this item.

The Town Clerk gave a verbal report informing Council that an expression of interest form for the shared prosperity fund had been submitted. Event costs are currently estimated at £23,290 with the Town Council needing to contribute £12,675. Two ELDC Councillor grants have been received totalling £1580 towards the cost of first aid, lost child and screen to televise the Coronation. The Town Clerk expressed concern that the Council's financial commitment to underwriting the event was insufficient to cover the potential costs and the return of grant funding should the event be cancelled at short notice. The need for full event details including sight of 3<sup>rd</sup> party insurance and risk assessment to ensure that the Council's insurance covers the event was emphasised.

A lengthy discussion took place and the Mayor asked Martin Brown, working group member, to report on progress. Councillor S Kirk offered assistance in putting a full application together to the prosperity fund.

*It was proposed, seconded and*

**RESOLVED:** *That:-*

- a) the Council's commitment to the event be noted.*
- b) the costs be kept as low as possible with expenses to be met from grant funding and donations wherever possible.*
- c) the previous resolution for Skegness Town Council to underwrite the event up to a sum of £5000 remains.*
- d) an application to the shared prosperity fund be approved and delegated authority be given to the Town Clerk to make the application in conjunction with Councillor S Kirk.*
- e) the possible need for an extra ordinary meeting in April be noted.*

#### **C200. TOWNS FUND – TOWER GARDENS PROJECT (Agenda Item 12)**

The Town Clerk gave a verbal update on progress with the Towns Fund Project in Tower Gardens informing members all surveys had been completed and project meetings were starting next week.

*It was proposed, seconded and*

**RESOLVED:** *That:-*

- a) events in Tower Gardens are not permitted from September 2023 to Easter 2024 to accommodate the works.*
- b) the verbal report be noted.*

#### **C201. TOWN CLERK UPDATE (Agenda Item 13)**

The Town Clerk gave a verbal report on matters arising including the establishment of the remuneration panel, the demonstration in Tower Gardens, changes to the car park tariff in Scarborough Avenue and the employee pay award offer which would put a £10,000 overspend on the Council's budget putting pressure on reserves.

*It was proposed, seconded and*

**RESOLVED:** *That the verbal report be noted.*

**C202. PROPOSAL TO GO INTO PRIVATE SESSION FOR THE NEXT ITEM – Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (due to the confidential nature of business relating to commercial contracts) (Agenda Item 14)**

*It was proposed, seconded and*

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

**C203. SKEGNESS NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP) (Agenda Item 15)**

The Town Clerk gave a verbal report on the present situation with the referendum for the Skegness NDP. The referendum was cancelled and is now expected take place in May with the local elections. The Town Clerk answered questions from Councillors and a discussion took place.

*It was proposed, seconded and*

**RESOLVED:** *That:-*

- a) Council awaits the conclusion from the cancelation and subsequent rearrangement of the referendum.*
- b) the verbal report be noted.*

**The meeting closed at 8:18pm**

